

Attempt to kill Lahad thwarted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Shi'ites who tried to assassinate South Lebanon Army commander General Antoine Lahad were caught by an Israeli Defence Forces unit after a chase on Wednesday, it was revealed yesterday.

The four, two men from the Shi'ite village of al-Hiyam and two women from Beirut, admitted under investigation to belonging to the Shi'ite organization Amal, and are believed to be responsible for a number of recent attacks against the SLA in the Marjayoun region.

The four were caught after Christian residents of Marjayoun noticed a suspicious vehicle not far from Lahad's Marjayoun headquarters—a station wagon with its engine running and its driver leaning over a strange object. Another man and two women were also seen in the car. The residents called security forces to the area.

It later turned out the driver was placing a beeper on explosives, packed into a 155mm shell. The explosives were to be set off by a radio-cast beeper signal.

When security forces arrived at the site the vehicle was already gone. The charge, which had been buried in sand, was dismantled safely by Engineer Corps men and roadblocks were set up to catch the escaping vehicle.

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Kreisky meets Jibril, asks to see PoWs

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky last night asked terrorist leader Ahmed Jibril to let him meet the three Israeli prisoners held by the PLO organization, Kol Yisrael said last night.

A reported meeting between Kreisky and Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, took place in Damascus, in the presence of Herbert Amry, Austria's ambassador to Greece and key negotiator in previous prisoner exchanges between Israel and terrorist organizations.

Kreisky arrived in Damascus on Wednesday, and met with President Hafez Assad. Kreisky was instrumental in the release earlier this year of six other Israeli soldiers held by the PLO, and according to Palestinian sources in Damascus, was now seeking to secure the release of the three held by Jibril.

The Israelis held by Jibril are Yosef Groff, Nissim Salem and Hezi Shai. All three were shown by Jibril to a press conference in Damascus last July.

Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy told an Israel Television interviewer yesterday that "intensive" efforts were underway to secure the release of the three men held by Jibril, as well as that of Samir Rishon (Staff Sergeant) Samir Assad, held by Naif Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and to locate missing Israeli soldiers.

Levy said it is hard to measure progress in these matters, but he was confident that ultimately efforts to release the prisoners will succeed.



A memorial service was held yesterday at Tel Nof to honour the 1,200 paratroopers who have fallen in action, including 99 who were killed in Lebanon. Among those attending the ceremony were (left to right): Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, OC Infantry Corps Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, Health Minister and former OC Paratroops Corps Mordechai Gur, Ariel Sharon's wife Lily and Industry Minister and former OC Paratroops Corps Sharon, and IDF Chief Chaplain Gad Navon.

Talks on Lebanon pullback are underway, Rabin says

Israel will strive to ensure the safety of its northern settlements without necessitating the continued presence of Israeli troops in South Lebanon, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Speaking at a memorial service for fallen paratroopers, Rabin said that negotiations aimed at achieving this goal have begun.

Rabin said that the Israel Defence Forces must continue to strengthen itself with the most modern weaponry. He asserted that the better the IDF is prepared for the next war, the better the chances of reaching peace with our neighbours.

The enemy must know that while Israel ardently desires peace, the IDF will be victorious if it is forced to go to war. "The IDF is the key to peace, and only when our enemies realize that they will never win a war will they seek peace," Rabin told the gathering of bereaved families.

The ceremony, held at the monument to fallen paratroopers at Tel Nof in the South, opened with the lighting of a memorial torch, and the recitation of Kaddish by a bereaved father.

Speaking on behalf of the bereaved families, Yosef Shani said that their fallen sons exemplified Zionist values by volunteering to serve in Paratroop Corps. He called on all Israelis to come together and work towards correcting social injustice. He also wished the national unity government success in achieving full economic independence.

"We are willing to set an example, just as our sons did," Shani said. (Iim)

Murphy brought 8-point plan for pull-out, Berri confirms

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Lebanese Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri was yesterday quoted as affirming that U.S. envoy Richard Murphy had presented an eight-point proposal for Israel's withdrawal from South Lebanon during visits to Beirut, Damascus and Jerusalem last month.

It was not clear from agency reports of Berri's interview in Beirut's leftist daily *a-Safir* yesterday whether the plan was in fact an American initiative, as described in the Beirut press at the time but subsequently denied by the State Department, or a presentation of

Berri's opening position by the U.S. envoy, as claimed by some Lebanese officials.

Berri was quoted as saying that the proposal contained some positive elements — Israel's agreement not to link its own withdrawal to that of Syria, and its willingness for an expanded Unifil role in South Lebanon. But others were "unacceptable," including any security role for the Israel-backed South Lebanese Army.

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel yesterday dispatched two envoys to Damascus and Riyadh to discuss the withdrawal issue. His

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U.S. diplomat Viets predicts 'social upheaval' in Israel

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — A Senior State Department official has raised the possibility of "social upheaval" in Israel in the aftermath of the severe belt-tightening measures needed to cure its economy.

"They're headed for a very rough internal patch," Ambassador Richard Viets told *The Wall Street Journal*.

Viets, who has just returned to Washington after completing a term as ambassador to Jordan, had earlier served as the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv under Samuel Lewis.

"Very few people realize the kind of draconian measures that will be needed," he continued. "The types of measures that are coming will bite first and foremost at the very class of people that have supported the rightist and religious parties. They know how to act. There will be unemployment on a major scale. And as subsidies are cut back, there will be a surge of prices. That spells for me social upheaval."

Viets' comments were included in yesterday's lengthy front-page report in the newspaper headlined: "Israel's foreign debt and soaring inflation peril nation's security."

The report warned that unless Israel takes stronger remedial measures

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More heat forecast for Yom Kippur

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jews around the world will this evening launch the 25 hours of prayer, introspection and fasting of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

The heat wave is forecast to continue over the fast, the Meteorological Service said last night.

The fast begins in Jerusalem at 4:43 this afternoon and ends tomorrow with a blast of the ram's horn at 5:57 p.m. Although tonight is also Shabbat, Yom Kippur takes precedence over the usual Sabbath joy, the only fast that does so.

Schools and many government and private offices will be closed today and shops will close early to enable their employees to get home and eat their last meal before the fast.

City buses will begin their last runs today at 3 p.m. Most inter-urban buses will begin their last run of the day between 2 and 2.30 p.m., with runs on longer routes, such as those to Eilat, beginning earlier.

Many city and inter-urban bus lines which normally operate on Saturday evenings will not be running tomorrow evening, and people planning to travel tomorrow evening are advised to check at bus station information booths on which buses will be in operation.

Both city and inter-urban buses will begin operation at about 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The Magen David Adom spokesman has asked the public not to obstruct ambulance drivers in the performance of their duties on Yom Kippur.

In previous years, said the spokesman, some members of the public set up obstacles in the paths of ambulances or stoned ambulances as they passed by. The spokesman emphasized that these acts of hooliganism were not always perpetrated by the ultra-Orthodox, but often by bored youngsters as a "practical joke."

In South Lebanon, the Awali River crossing points and the border crossing to Israel will be closed over the holiday. Israeli troops in the area have been instructed to remain extremely alert to attempted attacks, particularly since Yom Kippur this year falls on October 6, the date the Yom Kippur War began. This is the first time the Jewish and Gregorian dates have coincided since 1973.

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On eve of Washington trip Peres still undecided what to ask of Reagan

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

On the eve of Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to the U.S. intensive contacts are still proceeding in Jerusalem and in Washington, to determine what Israeli economic requests might realistically be obtainable.

Peres will walk a delicate path: He does not wish, as he says, "to come cap-in-hand," but at the same time he wishes to spell out frankly Israel's grave needs — yet not appear greedy or overreaching.

The director-general of the Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, had a long meeting in Jerusalem yesterday with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, while in Washington Kimche's deputy, Hanan Baron, held similar exploratory-preparatory meetings with high American officials.

It is on the basis of such meetings that Peres will make his final decisions regarding what to say — and especially what to ask for.

The premier spent yesterday reviewing ideas, first at a special pre-visit cabinet session, and later in smaller consultations with economic ministers and aides. Among the ideas under consideration are:

- To seek an increase in military aid, from \$1.4 billion a year to \$2b. from fiscal 1986, with a larger portion of the money to be spent here in Israel.
- To seek an increase in economic aid from fiscal 1986, from \$1.2b. to \$1.6b.
- To seek a \$1b.-a-year loan for the next five years, specifically directed to enhancing Israel's industrial and technological infrastructure. Such a loan could conceivably come directly from the U.S. government, or from private banks in reliance on U.S. government guarantees.
- To seek a "standby fund" that would be set up by the U.S. in Israel's behalf and would serve as a surety for loans Israel could then obtain from commercial sources.
- To seek a one-time emergency loan, like the loan granted Israel soon after the 1973 Yom Kippur War. This could be granted without recourse to Congress (which is adjourned until February).
- To seek payment of the entire fiscal 1985 economic aid package — \$1.2b. — immediately. Israeli officials expect this request to be acceded to without difficulty.

At the cabinet yesterday, Peres stressed that he would ask the U.S. government, and also private (especially Jewish) supporters, to invest in the future of Israel's industry — not to help Israel overcome its present problems, which is Israel's own onerous task. American aid, he said, should go towards ensuring Israel's security and assisting the growth and expansion of its economy once the present crisis was brought under control.

On the foreign-policy aspects of his trip, Peres must also tread warily, given the composition of his unity government. The premier pledged yesterday that even if the Reagan Plan is raised, he will say he must refer back to the cabinet, where any American proposals will naturally be weighed with due seriousness.

On settlement, if they come up, he will say that Israel must make its decisions by itself, and not be dictated to from without. "It is no secret that this matter is in dispute around this table," Peres told the ministers. "But we will decide it by ourselves."

Peres's assessment, however, is that the Reagan Plan and the West Bank issue in general are not likely to be high-priority items on his Washington agenda. This is because of America's keen disappointment

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EC said to be 'understanding' on import ban

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
BONN. — The European Community is expected to protest against Israel's ban on imported luxury goods, although sources in Bonn said that no European sanctions against Israel are likely.

The sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the ban "does contradict the 1975 treaty between the European Community and Israel, but it is obviously an emergency measure."

The 1975 treaty allows for import curbs when balance-of-payment deficits demand it, but limits the duration of such a step to three months. It would not be expedient, however, the sources said, to take action against an Israeli action which is supposed to be terminated after half a year.

On the other hand, it was remarked, "the EC cannot refrain from any reaction, lest other countries think they may stop imports from Europe, too." Therefore a policy of protest without sanction seemed the most likely course for the EC.

In Jerusalem yesterday, Industry and Trade Ministry director-general Yehoshua Forer told commercial attaches of foreign embassies that the import ban is not designed to protect local industries, but solely to save foreign currency.

In separate meetings with the representatives of the EC and the U.S., Forer asked for their understanding for Israel's decision, which he said was dictated by an emergency situation.

Peres to raise issue of Soviet Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Peres promised former Soviet Jews last night that he would raise the worsened plight of Soviet Jews during his meetings with U.S. officials next week. He also said he would bring the subject of aliyah back to the high priority it deserves.

Peres met for 45 minutes with Avital Shecharansky, wife of Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shecharansky, Yosef Mendelovich, who spent nine years in Soviet prison camps; Yuri Stern; and two other former Soviet Jews. They gave him letters received recently from Soviet Jews, and Peres promised to bring them to U.S. officials.

Peres has asked Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tzur to prepare a special session of the cabinet to be devoted soon to the subject of Soviet Jewry.

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Gaza	77/20	73/24	31/21
Beersheba	33/18	29/22	31/21
Eilat	33/18	29/22	31/21

Officer hurt in Lebanon

METULLA (Itim). - An Israel Defence Forces Engineer Corps officer was wounded on Wednesday evening north of Joubieh in South Lebanon.

The officer was wounded when a hand grenade exploded as he was investigating a large arms cache at the village outskirts.

The officer was transferred to an IDF clinic and then flown to a hospital in Israel.

Various militias and Palestinian terrorist organizations are known to have large hidden stores of weapons and ammunition in IDF-controlled territory in South Lebanon.

Talks fail to end cigarette strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Dubek cigarette company yesterday announced that it had stopped production of cigarettes until the conclusion of negotiations with the striking cigarette wholesalers and retailers, who are also blockading Dubek's two factories. The company produces almost all locally made cigarettes.

Ata to get cotton to keep producing

By DAVID RUDGE
HAIFA. - The Ata textile concern is to acquire enough cotton supplies to keep the firm's plants at Kiryat Ata and Kureichim producing for seven working days. The *Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Shaul Eisenberg, whose group of holding companies owns Ata, yesterday gave the go-ahead for the one-time purchase, according to Haifa Labour Council official Avraham Hametzi.

The entire work force will also take a week's leave for Succot, creating a two-week breathing space which workers hope will be sufficient to allow a long-term recovery plan to be worked out.

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HOME NEWS

Histadrut shops freeze price of imports

TEL AVIV. - The Histadrut marketing network decided yesterday to freeze the prices of all imported goods already in stock. The decision follows the government's decision this week to ban the importation of 50 consumer items and to impose a 40 per cent deposit on goods at sea.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the heads of all the concerns in the network. The meeting was convened by Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar in his capacity as chairman of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company.

Among the companies that will freeze the prices of imported goods in stock are the Tzarchaniyot chain of supermarkets, Tnuva, Hamashbir Lezarach, Hypershuk and the Jerusalem and Haifa Consumers Cooperatives. Together they account for about one quarter of the marketing outlets in the country.

Shekem general-manager Yonatan Gur last night expressed approval of the Histadrut move.

By ROY ISACOWITZ
and said he would like to meet with officials of the Histadrut and of other marketing concerns to discuss price freezing and the promotion of local products.

Histadrut sources said last night that the prices of the goods would be frozen at yesterday's prices in shekels. The freeze has no time limit, meaning that losses due to the high inflation expected in the next few months will be absorbed by the stores.

In initiating the freeze, Kessar said that the Histadrut has to do its share in the national effort to heal the economy and to give an example to the public. "The Histadrut marketing network must be true to its social and moral calling and act as a pioneer in the field of fair and ethical commerce," he said.

The sources said that one of the aims of the move is to foster local manufacturing. "Even if some imported products are cheaper and of better quality, we will have to make do with what we have locally," one source said. It is unlikely that

the chains will import fresh stocks of the goods in question once the present stocks are sold out, they said.

The heads of the Histadrut concerns also decided that any price reductions and easier credit granted them by local suppliers and financial institutions will be passed on to the consumers. They resolved to keep a sharp watch on prices and to report any deviations to the Industry and Trade Ministry.

The participants in the meeting called on the country's other marketers to halt the "runaway prices" of recent weeks. They urged the public to work with the Histadrut and other control bodies to ensure that price-gouging is reported to the authorities.

Kessar and Histadrut Consumer Protection Authority chairwoman Nuzhat Katzav will meet with Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon today to formulate plans for ensuring price control.

Still no resolution to tuition-fee dispute

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A meeting in which Prime Minister Shimon Peres was to arbitrate in the Education Ministry's conflict with the Finance Ministry ended with no specific resolution last night, besides Peres' recommendation that Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon head a committee on the issue.

The Finance and Education Ministries have been disputing the size of the planned increase in tuition fees.

The committee is scheduled to meet early next week. Should it fail to arrive at an accord, the matter will

be referred to Peres on his return to Israel from the U.S. At yesterday's meeting in his office, Peres said that it was unacceptable that students be sacrificed.

At last night's meeting, attended by Treasury director-general Emmanuel Sharon, Professor Haim Harari, chairman of the budget and planning committee of the Council for Higher Education, and Yossi Sperling, head of the students union, Harari did not budge from the council's position that student loans must be raised in proportion to the increase in fees, although he agreed that it is necessary to raise tuition fees to \$1,200.

Authorities want government to share more in services

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. - The Knesset Finance Committee may recommend a revision of public services between the local authorities and the government, in view of the financial plight of the authorities, it was learned yesterday.

A delegation from the Union of Local Authorities, headed by chairman Pinhas Eylon, yesterday told the finance panel what he said were the causes of the authorities' problems, and asked the committee to find a solution to them once and for all.

Eylon said that the government's delay in transferring funds to the local authorities forces them to take dollar-linked bank loans and to get

even deeper in debt as a result. Several local authorities cannot pay their employees' wages and many are on the verge of collapse, he said.

Eylon urged the committee to recommend the adoption of the Sanbar committee's recommendations, which he said have been gathering dust in the Interior Ministry for the past three years.

The Sanbar committee, appointed by the government five years ago to help solve the local authorities' problems, recommended a revision of the services rendered by the authorities. Although these recommendations could solve the authorities' financial difficulties, Eylon said they have been ignored.

LAHAD

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However, when the vehicle was stopped after a chase, the two women seen by Marjayoun residents were not in it. Under investigation, the men admitted they had dropped the women at the Bateir-A-Shouf border crossing, some 30 kilometres north of Marjayoun. The women were caught at the border crossing that afternoon, while waiting in line

to cross into northern Lebanon.

Security forces clamped a curfew on al-Hiyam, a Shi'ite village a few kilometres north of Metulla, and conducted searches, during which several residents were arrested and arms were found.

The four terrorists caught by security forces admitted to attempting to assassinate Lahad.

PERES-REAGAN

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over King Hussein's headline speech earlier this week, in which he attacked both Israel and the U.S. and rejected Peres' offer of talks without preconditions.

Officials in Jerusalem say Peres should encounter warm support in Washington not only because of the imminent elections but also because of the stepped-up Soviet activism in the Middle East. They cite the Soviet arms talks with Jordan and with Kuwait, the intensified military supplies to Iraq and Syria, and the resumption of diplomatic ties with Egypt as factors that would tend to reinforce the U.S. administration's supportive concern for Israel's strength and wellbeing.

On Lebanon, Peres will clearly be looking for progress towards a withdrawal accord with Syria to be mediated by the U.S. Earlier hopes of a quick deal seem to have faded somewhat in the face of tough-sounding Syrian positions. But Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin believe the basic components of an agreement are available, and that dogged diplomatic efforts would produce results.

Peres had some low-key and avuncular comments at cabinet on the bitter public feuding between ministers, especially between Deputy Premier David Levy (Likud-

Herut) and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i (Likud-Liberals). Without mentioning any names, the premier said all ministers ought to emerge from cabinet forums with a united front - once the internal arguments had been decided upon by majority vote. "I'm not upbraiding and accusing anyone," Peres noted. His words were received without comment.

Avi Temkin adds: Government officials explained last night to the *Jerusalem Post* that Peres will be seeking a long-term plan that will enable Israel to pay back its debts to the U.S. The prime minister will emphasize that any economic aid will be used only to repay debts and for defence purposes, but absolutely not for raising Israel's standard of living.

The officials said that there is some concern in Jerusalem that the Americans may consider the austerity measures implemented so far as insufficient and may ask for broader steps.

In his pre-visits briefings, Peres was advised to stress that Israel is paying back loans it took as a result of the costs incurred by the Camp David agreement. These costs should have been covered by outright grants, and not loans, the officials said. Now the situation must be remedied with U.S. help, they added.

5 seriously injured in head-on collision

BEERSHEBA. - Five people were seriously injured last night when a truck and a pick-up truck collided head on at about 10 p.m. on the Beersheba-Kiryat Gat road. The injured were taken to Soroka Hospital

in Beersheba. According to the police, the pick-up truck, coming from Beersheba, suddenly swerved into the middle of the road and hit the truck coming toward it.



Prime Minister Peres chats with Segen David Shein, one of the five soldiers wounded in last week's crash of an Israel Defence Forces helicopter, and his mother, at Hadassah Hospital. Ein Kerem yesterday. Peres took time out from his preparations for his U.S. visit to wish the five men a speedy recovery and hear them tell of the accident, in which five others were killed. (Dan Landau)

Glickstein: Russians were simply better on the day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's tennis squad returned home yesterday "disappointed but still very proud of their achievements" in the description of ITF chairman David Harik after the 3-2 defeat by the Soviet Union in the European zone final of the Davis Cup.

There was some comment about the highly partisan Russian crowd and the fact that the Soviet authorities had spitefully refused to allow the full delegation and supporters into the country was recalled with dismay. But the feeling was summed up philosophically by the country's No. 1 Shlomo Glickstein who took the line: "No excuses, really. The Russians played excellent tennis. On the day they were better on these court conditions."

Prior to the match Israel had com-

plained to the International Tennis Federation that the Russians had an "unfair advantage" in Donetsk because of Moscow's refusal to grant entry visas to some members of the delegation including American tennis psychologist Allen Fox. The London-based Federation, however, spurned the Israeli protest and in the end the Soviet hosting of the team complied fully with all Davis Cup rules, team members and officials reported.

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon sent the team a congratulatory telegram emphasizing that in although naturally victory would have been sweeter, the country was justly proud of both their achievement in sporting achievements and ambassadorial talents displayed in the difficult circumstances.

Nablus security prisoners end 12-day hunger strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Inmates of the Jneid maximum security prison near Nablus called off their 12-day-long partial hunger strike late yesterday in response to a visit earlier this week by Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

Bar-Lev had said some of the prisoners' demands were justified, thus contradicting the Prison Service's initial dismissal of the affair. He nonetheless termed the hunger strike political.

Ziad Abu-Ziad, a Jerusalem advocate representing some of the inmates, said last night that he had visited the prison yesterday and heard from the prisoner's committee of their unanimous decision to end the strike.

The prisoners welcomed Bar-Lev's initiative in coming to the prison to see for himself as well as his attitude, Abu-Ziad said. They were also encouraged by the Prison Service's willingness to already accede to some of their demands, such as

the introduction of a radio, the supply of sheets and pyjamas, and preparations to improve conditions for visiting relatives.

Apparently unaware of the inmates' change of mind, merchants in East Jerusalem and in the Nablus market held a full commercial strike in support of their demands while family members continued to demonstrate outside the Red Cross offices in East Jerusalem and Gaza.

Meanwhile, the three-day curfew on the Deir Yassin refugee camp near Bethlehem was lifted yesterday after security forces sealed seven foot-paths leading into the camp. The curfew was imposed after several rock-throwing attacks on Israeli traffic over the past week.

The paths are alleged to have been used by local youths who were able to flee into the narrow alleys after hurling stones at cars on the main road by the camp. They had been sealed for several months last year but were reopened after the number of such incidents decreased.

W. Germany closes its Prague embassy

BONN (Reuters). - The German Federal Republic has closed its embassy in Prague, where some 40 would-be East German refugees are awaiting permission to travel to the West, chief government spokesman Peter Boenisch said yesterday.

"Unfortunately, we had to close our embassy in Prague today. Its capacity is exhausted," Boenisch said in a television interview.

Asked if the decision to close the embassy was forced by the influx of

asylum-seekers, Boenisch replied: "Correct."

"East Germany has informed us that it is no longer prepared to guarantee exit permits to those who seek to obtain them by pressure," Boenisch said.

The interview was Bonn's first official acknowledgement that the embassy has been crowded for the past several days by East Germans who refuse to leave without obtaining permission from East Berlin to emigrate to the West.

Court hears of intent to strafe Temple Mount

The intention of the Jewish terrorist suspects on trial before the Jerusalem District Court to attack the Temple Mount from the air was confirmed in evidence heard yesterday.

Superintendent Isidor Slok, who headed the police investigation in the north, testified that defendant Ya'acov Heineman, an Israel Air Force pilot, said that he had been asked by other suspects whether it was possible to bomb the Temple Mount without harming the Western Wall, Heineman, according to Slok, said that it was impossible.

Heineman interjected at this point: "That's a lie."

Slok said that he had not kept a record of this conversation, which he termed "informal," but he conveyed the information to his commander and to an agent of the General Security Services.

Yesterday's hearings were a continuation of the mini-trial over the veracity and acceptability of the defendants' statements presented to the court.

Another police witness, Superintendent Samuel Sasson, said that Heineman's eldest brother, Ben-Zion, had been extremely angry and embittered at the way they were being questioned and had termed

the investigators "hangmen."

Chief Inspector Pinhas Seleri confirmed that the statements he took from some of the defendants were based on memorandums prepared by the GSS agents who had conducted the initial investigation and interrogation.

One of the main defendants, Shaul Nir, had also asked at one stage to speak to Ben-Zion Heineman to ask him how to explain his actions ideologically, Seleri said. In private conversations Nir spoke of the security situation in the area as a motivation, Seleri said.

Seleri confirmed that there was an "arrangement" between Nir and the GSS over what he was supposed to say in his statements and what would remain private, such as names.

This confirms initial reports that the defendants were willing to confess individually but would not, in their official statements, implicate their accomplices.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron was among the visitors in yesterday's session, which saw families once again transferring large quantities of food to the defendants. Levinger talked to Nir at length outside the courtroom.

The trial is to resume on Sunday. (Itim)

Ministers huddle with Dulzin

By JUDY SIEGEL

Prime Minister Peres and four members of his cabinet yesterday met for an hour with Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin and treasurer Akiva Lewinsky. Although the meeting was announced to the press beforehand, it was a closed session and no one would comment about it.

With Peres were Ministers Yitzhak Moda'i, Ezer Weizman, Moshe Arens and Gad Ya'acobi.

The presence of the two economic ministers, Moda'i and Ya'acobi, created speculation that Peres wanted the Jewish Agency's help in getting increased financial support from Diaspora Jewry. The subject of Soviet

Jewry may also have been raised.

Asked last month whether the Jewish Agency would take over some government functions if the state could not pay for them, Dulzin said that the Agency had not been asked. If it were requested to do so, he added, "we would consider it," although legal problems regarding American tax-free contributions to the Jewish Agency would be involved.

The only statement to emanate from the Prime Minister's Office was that Peres will ask American Jews during his U.S. visit next week, to join in helping the Israeli economy through investment.

SLA seals off Nabatiya as feast of Ashura approaches

BEIRUT (Reuters). - The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army yesterday blockaded Nabatiya, Lebanon's national news agency said last night.

It said the blockade was aimed at preventing armed men from entering the town, the main spiritual home of Lebanon's Shi'ites, before today's feast of Ashura, the Islamic counterpart of the Jewish Yom Kippur.

The agency said the ban on arms appeared to be aimed at members of Lebanese internal security forces rather than at citizens of the town.

Travellers from the south have recently reported Shi'ite feelings running high as the biggest feast in their calendar approaches.

Last year's Ashura celebrations in Nabatiya erupted in bloody clashes when Israeli troops fired on a religious procession by an estimated

50,000 people, killing one person and wounding nine.

In Beirut, Lebanon's main Shi'ite Moslem movement last night called on the Lebanese Army to maintain law and order and on its supporters to stick to religious celebrations for the Ashura feast.

The statement from the 'Ahal movement, calling for a ban on demonstrations today, was the latest plea from Moslem leaders to end violence that has marred the 10-day mourning period before Ashura, plunging Moslem West Beirut into nightly lawlessness.

Nearly 200 women believed to be Shi'ite fundamentalists, wearing black veils and helped by gunmen, on Wednesday night rampaged through the bars and clubs of a former Beirut nightclub district, smashing bottles of alcoholic drinks and wrecking interiors.

Peres weighing 'gestures' towards Arabs in the areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Coordinator of Activities in the Territories Shmuel Goren earlier this week reviewed a series of possible goodwill gestures towards the Arab population in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

These "gestures," which range from a relaxation in censorship to the possibility of new municipal elections, could be presented to the U.S. administration if the issue is raised during the prime minister's talks in Washington next week.

US Secretary of State George Shultz has already expressed an interest in encouraging Palestinian capital investment and industrial development in the administered areas. The previous Israeli government effectively dismissed such ideas by its insistence on prior approval and control of all activity.

Peres has already apparently discussed the idea of allowing the revival of some Arab banking activity in the areas. Nearly all the activities of Arab banks were suspended following the June 1967 Six Day War.

Kahane petitions court over Taiba visit ban

Knesset Member Meir Kahane (Kach) yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order the police minister and the police inspector-general to show cause why they should not rescind their decision to bar Kahane from visiting the Arab village of Taiba in the Triangle on Tuesday.

In the petition, Kahane contends that he is going to the village to speak to Jewish women who married Arab men and are living in the village. He also claims that he is entitled, as a member of Knesset, to visit any public place in Israel, except places barred for security reasons. (Itim)

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Sarah and Judy Davidson

Top American military official reveals:

U.S., Israel may stage dogfights

By WOLF BLITZER
WASHINGTON. — The chief American representative in the U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation talks has publicly raised the possibility that the two countries will conduct joint aerial "dogfight" training exercises.

"We are not in the business of developing war plans between the U.S. and Israel," said Lieutenant-General John Chain, the director of the State Department's political-military affairs bureau and the head of the U.S.-Israeli political-military planning committee. "But the Israeli Air Force might get valuable training by dogfighting with our navy; the navy might make mock attacks against Israeli. Both sides then could get military training that could be used in other scenarios."

Chain, who succeeded Rear Admiral Jonathan Howe in the key post, was interviewed in *Defence Week*, a respected military-affairs journal published in Washington. His on-the-record comments included some of the most specific details made public by an American official on the U.S. interpretation of the recently enhanced strategic cooperation arrangement with Israel.

Chain, a former fighter pilot with 4,000 flying hours and 66 parachute jumps, many during the war in Vietnam, participated in the last full-scale plenary session of the strategic talks with Israel in June. At that time, Howe still headed the U.S. delegation.

"The dialogue, the mutual warmth, the friendly relations and the substantial discussions indicate that both countries are recognizing their limitations and how far they want to go in a relationship," he said. "It must serve both countries."

The joint committee was established in November 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and then Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. It has been charged with organizing joint military maneuvers, pre-positioning U.S. military equipment in Israel, and joint military planning.

The Reagan administration has focused the talks on the broader Soviet threat to the region. Israel has sought to include the threat from hostile Arab states, although Washington has been reluctant to include that possibility out of fear of upsetting its friends in the Arab world.

Asked whether more joint exercises were planned beyond the military-evacuation maneuver earlier this year, Chain replied: "As time progresses other things will be arranged. But both sides want to go slowly."

"The U.S. obviously has a macro interest, rather than a bilateral interest, in that part of the world and we don't want to do something with one country that will upset another, with Egypt, that upsets Saudi Arabia, for example, or with Saudi Arabia that upsets Jordan."

"The same thing goes for the Israelis. They have to be careful that whatever they do doesn't upset their Arab neighbors as they try to establish themselves in a peaceful situation. They don't want to create more animosity than already exists there. Both sides are moving very prudently, maturely. We are trying to avoid any political fallout upon either side."

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Maya, at 12, makes debut in London

By HYAM CORNEY

LONDON. — IF THE APPLAUSE which pianist Maya Weisman received after her performance at the Royal Festival Hall last night was as warm and enthusiastic as that given at rehearsal on Wednesday by members of the London Philharmonic orchestra, the 12-year-old Jerusalem prodigy will have achieved a marked success.

Last night, she was to play Mendelssohn's G Minor Piano Concerto before an audience of over 2,000 people. The rehearsal was watched by a handful, mainly relatives and friends. And after the run-through, which she did without the aid of a score, the 80 members of the orchestra were as united in their applause as they had been while accompanying her through the 23-minute practice.

Klaus Tennstedt, the orchestra's German conductor who heard Maya playing in Tel Aviv 18 months ago and promptly invited her to perform with the orchestra, was ecstatic: "Fantastic, unbelievable," he enthused. "It was the first time she has ever played with an orchestra," he told me.

Tennstedt described her as "a special talent." He had no fears about how she would perform and no doubts that she would become "a big star."

Maya herself, in jeans and with the sleeves of her pink cardigan rolled up, exuded confidence, despite one or two stops which Tennstedt ordered to polish up some minor points. Later, she told me that she had felt a little nervous before she began but once she started playing, she was relaxed.

She was planning to spend yesterday quietly, resting and practising, before her public debut.

Her mother, Esther, a painter, and her teacher, Louisa Joffe, watched nervously during rehearsal. At last night's performance were Maya's father Yosef, a programme analyst at the Bank of Israel, and five members of his family who travelled to London from Argentina, for the occasion. Also there were Maya's twin sister, Yifat, a cellist, and a classmate of Maya's from the Rubin Academy.

German banker: Austerity is road to recovery

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Austerity is the first requisite for national economic recovery, Arno von Bothmer, of the Latin-America division of the Dresdner Bank of Frankfurt, said at the Rotary club here yesterday.

Mexico is a case in point, and Brazil is the next in the recovery trend, having cut its living standards by 25 per cent, he said. Argentina, however, is in difficulties, mainly because its president promised a yearly 10 per cent wage increase, even though he cannot possibly keep his pledge, von Bothmer said.

From what he saw of true Israeli economy, he said, "Israel gives the impression of ingenuity, flexibility and determination, which should enable it to weather the storm."

U.S. official hopes

U.S. farm exports to Israel won't be harmed by import ban

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block said yesterday he hoped Israel's latest curb on imports would not affect the import of American goods, particularly agricultural products.

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He said he hoped that Israel will not try to put in exceptions in the list of imported goods to be included in the free-trade agreement. "We understand that there might be some goods that will not be tariff-free immediately, since things cannot be done overnight," Block said. The two countries have agreed that tariffs will be lifted gradually off

some free-trade items. He said it is important to American farmers that none of the goods exported from Israel be subsidized, since subsidies on the Israeli side will make competition stiffer."

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In any case, arrangements for Succot, the last travel season of the year, have already been made. No large-scale exodus can be expected until Pessah. But, the agent noted, Israelis still have the money to travel abroad and they will do so.

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Peres urged to seek Mengele's arrest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The director of the Nazi Crimes Documentation Centre, Tuvia Friedman, yesterday appealed to Prime Minister Peres to raise the possibility of arresting Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele during Peres's forthcoming visit to the U.S.

Friedman told a news conference he was sure that the 73-year-old Mengele is living under his own name in Florida. "He could easily be arrested if the U.S. administration gives the order," Friedman said.

He proposed that after his arrest, Mengele be put on trial in either Israel or Germany. Friedman said he had also appealed to the German ambassador to initiate joint action by his government and those of the U.S. and Israel to catch Mengele and bring him to trial. But he has received no reply, Friedman said.

Germany does not wish to initiate another Auschwitz trial in Germany, because of the adverse publicity it would arouse, and it would therefore be proper for Mengele to be tried in Israel, Friedman said.

Austrian minister meets U.S. Jews

NEW YORK (AP). — A study completed a month ago shows that 20 to 25 per cent of Austrians hold anti-Semitic views, Austria's new foreign minister, Leopold Gratz, said during a meeting with three dozen American Jewish leaders here on Wednesday.

Gratz said in a meeting billed as an attempt to forge new relations with Israel and the Jewish community that his country would continue to call for Israeli withdrawal "from occupied territories" and for the "establishment of a Palestinian homeland."

Despite his self-described "blunt" talk, Gratz received applause at the end of the 75-minute meeting with 36 representatives from 29 Jewish organizations.

He said his country also supported the right of Israel to exist within secure borders, but acknowledged that, "regarding the PLO, our positions differ somewhat."

Gratz said he saw Austria's role in the Middle East as that of "a glorified mailman" carrying the views of each side to the other.

He also discussed his country's efforts to help Soviet Jews emigrate, calling Austria the "first stop on the receiving line for Russian Jews who want to come out."

Non-Jewish soldiers to receive citations

HAIFA (Itim). — Several dozen Druse, Circassians and Beduin who voluntarily served with the Israel Defence Forces during the early years of the state will be awarded citations of merit later this month.

Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy will present the awards at a ceremony at Kibbutz Yagur, organized by the Movement for a Good Israel.

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The discussion will take place on Monday, October 8, 1984 at 7.45 p.m. at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Programme: Prof. G. Baum, Moderator — Opening remarks Mr. Shlomo Lahat, Mayor of Tel Aviv —

Challenger's camera to hunt ancient lost cities, icebergs

PASADENA, California (AP). — When the U.S. shuttle Challenger soars into space today it will carry a radar camera that scientists hope will detect ancient lost cities, icebergs, oil spills, and forests damaged by acid rain.

Known as shuttle imaging radar-B, or Sir-B, the device's antenna will be aimed at Earth from Challenger's open cargo bay for 50 hours during the eight-day shuttle flight. The antenna will beam radar microwaves at the planet's surface, record the echoes and relay them via satellite to earth.

Because the radar will scan about a fourth of the planet's land-mass and 5 per cent of its total surface, including oceans, it will take two years to convert all the data into black-and-white pictures, said the jet-propulsion laboratory physicist heading the 13-nation project for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The U.S. geological survey will use Sir-B to map details of ancient rivers and identify potential sites of prehistoric human habitation in the eastern Sahara.

The American researchers also will seek evidence of lost cities in the foothills of the Peruvian Andes. A Swedish scientist hopes to discover Nordic ruins from the Middle Ages on Oland Island in the Baltic Sea, while a Los Angeles documentary filmmaker wants to uncover traces of

the 2,000-year-old city of Ubar in Oman.

Radar penetrates clouds, so a Canadian scientist will scan the ocean off Labrador to determine if the radar can help locate and track icebergs, which pose a hazard to oil drilling in the area.

Japanese and West German scientists will simulate oil spills by dumping a non-polluting, rapidly evaporating alcohol in the Pacific Ocean and North Sea while Sir-B orbits overhead to see if the radar can detect man-made pollution.

The radar's findings also may be useful in exploring other planets, particularly Venus.

For example, a U.S. scientist will use Sir-B's images to study meteor craters in Canada and develop criteria for recognizing such craters on Venus.

The countdown towards Challenger's liftoff advanced smoothly yesterday. The launch is planned for 07.03 local time today.

Meanwhile, 35-year-old Soviet cardiologist Oleg Atkov, who spent 237 days in outer space is strong enough to take short walks and his crewmates are adjusting normally to life on earth, Radio Moscow reported yesterday.

Atkov performed medical examinations on his crewmates during their record space mission, which ended Tuesday when their capsule landed in Soviet Kazakhstan.

Lyon bombing blitz blamed on Corsicans

LYON, France (AP). — Seven bombs exploded yesterday in front of public buildings, banks and a tunnel in the centre of Lyon, slightly injuring two people and causing considerable damage, authorities said.

Policemen dismantled two other bombs, in front of a bank and at the headquarters of the National Maritime Corps-Mediterranean Society.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the explosions, which were caused by plastic charges with slow-burning fuses attached to

detonators, the police said. But Corsican separatists are suspected.

Eight Corsican nationalists are being held in a Lyon prison in connection with a double murder June 7 at the prison in Ajaccio, capital of the French Mediterranean island. The eight were transferred to Lyon on August 31 for security reasons.

The strongest explosion was at a side entrance to the Palace of Justice, where an iron door of the 100-year-old building was ripped apart and stones knocked out.

Snoring may be hazardous to your health

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Habitual snorers are more likely to contract heart disease and hypertension than those who sleep silently, according to a research study by two Australian doctors.

Snoring can also cause excessive sleepiness in the day and affect sexual performance, according to the report by Nicholas Saunders, professor of medicine at Newcastle University, and Les Olson of Westmead Hospital, Sydney.

The doctors found that about 20 per cent of Australians snore, but this climbed to 50 per cent among middle-aged and elderly people.

They said there was no evidence that occasional snorers were at risk, but heavy snorers were more prone to car and industrial accidents and drinking alcohol made snoring worse.

House panel raps U.S. security

'Beirut bombing warnings ignored'

WASHINGTON. — A congressional committee declared on Wednesday that U.S. officials responsible for the Beirut Embassy failed to sufficiently heed warnings of potential terrorist attacks before the September 20 truck-bomb attack that killed 14 persons.

"This intelligence (about the threat) portrayed a situation where those responsible for security at U.S. installations in Beirut — both in Washington and on the scene — should have been on full alert and should have taken every precaution possible to thwart just such an attack as occurred," the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee said.

The findings of the Democratic-controlled committee conflict with Republican President Reagan's statement Tuesday that "there was no evidence of any carelessness or anyone not performing their duty."

a remark he made as he accepted the responsibility for the failure to thwart the attack.

The committee report also indirectly disputed Reagan's earlier suggestion that the attack could be partly blamed on "the near-destruction of our intelligence capability in recent years" — an assertion that was seen as criticism of his predecessor, Jimmy Carter.

In contrast, the committee described intelligence collection that worked efficiently and provided clear warnings of likely terrorist attacks against U.S. personnel, although never pinpointing the exact time or target.

Meanwhile, a senior administration official said yesterday the U.S. intelligence was "close" to determining who was responsible for the attack on the embassy annex, but was "not 100 per cent sure."

The official said the possibility of military retaliation has been discussed, but has encountered resistance from a number of quarters, including the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Yesterday the Senate approved emergency aid of \$110.2 million to improve security at embassies.

On Monday the House of Representatives authorized \$356m. for improved embassy security and \$10m. for rewards to people giving information about terrorists.

The State Department said Wednesday there has been a threat against the U.S. embassy in Ankara, and the mission will be placed on "an abbreviated work schedule" for the remainder of the week.

Reports that Turkish policemen had been rushed to the embassy could not be immediately confirmed.

The department said it did not know the exact nature of the threat, but made clear that after the bombing of the embassy in Beirut, no one is taking chances. (AP Reuters)

Moscow 'didn't learn much' from seduced FBI agent

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. espionage experts said yesterday they doubted whether Moscow gained much more than it already knew from Richard Miller, the FBI agent alleged to have spied for the Soviet Union.

Miller, 47, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Los Angeles office, was arrested on Tuesday night on charges of violating U.S. espionage laws by passing classified documents to the Soviet Union.

Arrested on the same charges were a Soviet emigre couple, Nikolai and Svetlana Ogorodnikovs, who were described as officers in the KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency.

In the jargon of the intelligence community, Svetlana, 34, is alleged to have been the "honeypot" who seduced Miller, portrayed as a studious father of eight with financial problems who lived on a small avocado farm near San Diego.

A pale, slight woman, she met

Miller while he was interviewing Soviet emigres, mostly Jews who had been allowed to leave and had settled in Los Angeles.

FBI officials say the case involves the first known security breach in the 76-year history of the national crime-fighting organization.

They say Miller apparently found a sympathetic ear and revealed, in what they called numerous personal meetings with Mrs. Ogorodnikova, his private, professional and financial problems.

He is alleged to have decided to supplement his \$50,000-a-year salary by selling for \$50,000 in gold and \$15,000 in cash some secret FBI documents that he promised to deliver to a Soviet agent in Mexico City.

The Ogorodnikovs, who had jobs as a butcher and a day nurse respectively, told him money was no problem, according to the FBI, which had trailed the trio and tapped their phones.

Bodies dumped in East River—in cars

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The police are dragging cars from New York's East River, thinking they may have stumbled on a mass killer's personal burial ground.

Since last Thursday the police have dredged up two cars with bodies neatly wrapped in blankets in the trunks.

Scuba divers have spotted eight more cars in the same stretch of the river not far from some of Manhattan's plushiest apartments. Four cars were hauled ashore Wednesday and the police found a human bone in one of them.

The other cars were to be brought ashore yesterday. Detectives said the area, near a stretch of the river known as Hell's Gate, could be the dumping ground

for suspected mob hitman Edward Esposito, a nephew of murdered New York gang leader Joe Colombo.

Esposito was found hanged in a New Jersey wood last week after he was alleged to have killed New York detective Richard Snyder. The policeman's body was dumped in the river in his own car.

Esposito's death has been listed as suicide. The police said he killed Snyder after finding him with his estranged wife.

"We don't know if we have a dumping ground but the potential is there. We are going to remove all cars to be sure there are no surprises," a spokesman for the New York Police Harbour Squad said.

Ali's doctor blames boxing for illness

CHICAGO (Reuters). — Muhammad Ali's doctor said yesterday the former boxing champion's physical disorder was probably caused by the punches he absorbed in the ring.

"It seems to me that repetitive trauma to the head from boxing is a very reasonable explanation for the cause of Ali's Parkinsonism," said Stanley Fahn in an article in this week's *American Medical News*.

Ali, 42, underwent tests last month at a New York hospital. Fahn said afterwards the cause of the boxer's slurred speech and stumbling gait was Parkinson's syndrome. Unlike degenerative Parkinson's disease, the condition can be controlled.

"With standard medication he can lead a normal life," he added.

British MP meets Ukrainian father after 42 years

LONDON (AP). — An 80-year-old Ukrainian, reunited with his son 42 years after he saw him being put on a Nazi slave train, said on Wednesday, "It's as exciting as landing on the moon."

Oleksa Terlezki and his son Stefan, 56, said they were so busy exchanging life stories during the night that they had not had time to open the celebratory bottle of vodka the elder Terlezki had brought from the Soviet Union.

Wheelchair-bound Terlezki arrived in Britain on Tuesday night after Soviet authorities, having refused all previous requests to make a reunion possible, gave him a 28-day exit visa at the personal appeal of British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Stefan Terlezki, now a member of Parliament, was put on a German train carrying slave labour in 1942, when he was 14. He said his father told him "he remembers me clearly standing in the last wagon, holding onto the rail, and shaking hands to say farewell."

His mother died a year later and the elder Terlezki was sent by the Soviet government to work in the Siberian coal mines.

The younger Terlezki immigrated to Britain in 1948 with £1 in his pocket. He married a Welsh woman, built a successful business and became a member of Parliament for the Conservative Party.

Last radioactive barrel taken from sunken ship

OSTEND, Belgium (AP). — The last container of radioactive material still trapped in a French freighter that sank near here nearly six weeks ago was retrieved early yesterday, the salvage company reported.

The 15-ton barrel was the last 30 containers of uranium hexafluoride to be recovered from the Mont-Louis, a 4,210-ton French ship that left Cherbourg, France, for the Soviet Union but sank 19 kilometres from here on August 25 after colliding with a passenger ship.

The sinking caused great concern, fuelled by claims that the ship's cargo was highly radioactive. But French and Belgian government officials and experts asserted the uranium hexafluoride carried by the ship was only slightly radioactive and that the containers were tightly sealed.

Sports

Good basketball wins for both Mac. Tel Aviv and Hap. Haifa

Post Sports Staff
Maccabi Tel Aviv ignited their European basketball Cup challenge in style last night when they scored a convincing win over the Rumanian champions Steaua in Bucharest. Maccabi, who won the high-scoring encounter 114-103, should now have little difficulty disposing of the Rumanians in the return at Yad Eliahu next Thursday night and so advance to the penultimate phase before the final pool.

There was a perhaps still more impressive Israeli win on Wednesday night when Hapoel Haifa went to Greece and came away with a 77-74 victory over Ikonis of Piraeus in the opening round of the Koris Cup. Ronald Houston with 25 points and Haim Zlotnikman who notched up 22 spearheaded the Haifa attack, helping overturn a 40-35 lead at the half for the Greek team.

Spanish disasters matched by Eastern Bloc triumphs

BILBAO. — Spanish football officials surveyed the debris and counted the cost yesterday of one of the blackest first rounds of the European soccer tournaments ever. Of the six clubs in the three Premier European football tournaments, only Real Madrid survived the first round in the UEFA Cup and that only thanks to a first leg five-goal lead they took to Austria against Wacker of Innsbruck.

Even Wacker, one of the most modest of clubs, had the satisfaction of beating their glamorous Madrid opponents 2-0 to at least salvage pride on a night when not one Spanish club won. Fans in Spain were stretching memories in an attempt to recall such a disastrous first round in Europe.

Out went Athletic Bilbao in the European Cup, Barcelona in the Cup Winners' cup, and Betis of Seville, Athletic of Madrid and Valladolid in the UEFA tournament.

On the other hand there was daylight in Eastern Europe as Wednesday's nights galaxy of results was topped up. Five Soviet bloc teams, led by Dynamo Berlin and Levski Spartak Sofia, moved into the second round of the Champions Cup on a night of general upsets in the three competitions.

A sixth side from Eastern Europe, Lech Poznan of Poland, were crushed, however, 4-0 by Liverpool, the defending champions of the continent's premier club competition. Sofia, the Bulgarian champions, twice led behind against Stuttgart in West Germany but were through on the away goals rule. The first leg two weeks ago having ended 1-1.

Dynamo Berlin had to rely on penalty kicks to eliminate Lech Poznan. The home side led 2-1 after regulation time, reverting the first leg result in Scotland. With extra time produced no more goals, the East Germans won a dramatic penalty shootout 5-4. It was rough justice on

the Scots — winners of the 1983 Cupwinners cup — who were five minutes away from a place in the second round when Reiner Ernst scored Dye's 4-1 winning goal and sent the match into extra 30 minutes.

Despite poor form in the English domestic league, Liverpool once again saved the best for Europe. After a 1-0 win in the first leg, the champions cup holder trounced Poznan.

The Merseyside hero was Scottish midfielder John Wark who hit a spectacular hat-trick.

French midfield ace Michel Platini scored twice for Juventus but the Italian champions only managed a slender 2-1 victory over Finnish part-timers Tampere after winning the first leg 4-1. French champions Bordeaux did not hold on to a 3-2 first leg lead against Athletic Bilbao, drawing 0-0 in Spain for a place in round two. The referee had to be escorted away by police to escape the home fans' wrath.

Another French team, Marseille, suffered a shock defeat in the cupwinners cup, where they produced the shock result of the night against mighty Barcelona.

Metz, with little experience of European competition, were well beaten 2-0 home in the first leg. In the return match, the French side quickly conceded another goal but hit back with four to stun the star-studded Spaniards and inflict a humiliating defeat on Barcelona's new English manager, Terry Venables.

SECOND ROUND QUALIFIERS
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CUP WINNERS CUP — Everton, Bayern Munich, Dinamo Moscow, Roma, Dinamo Dresden, Metz, Werder Bremen (Wales), Feyenoord (Holland), Walsley (Wales), Celtic (Scotland), Larissa (Greece), Celtic, Servette Geneva and Rapid Vienna.

Among the 32 clubs advancing a stage in the UEFA Cup are Rangers, Standard Liege, Fiorentina, Tottenham, Dundee Utd, Manchester Utd, Bruges and Borussia Monchengladbach.

Tigers struggle but Cubs canter to second successive win

KANSAS CITY. — Detroit needed two extra innings to take a 5-3 victory but their eventual triumph established the Tigers with a 2-0 lead in their "best-of-five" American League baseball championship playoff against the Kansas City Royals.

In Chicago, the hometown Cubs went ahead in the first inning against the San Diego Padres and never lost the lead for a 4-2 victory and also a 2-0 lead in the National League playoff.

Winners of the two championships will meet in the World Series later this month.

The Tigers used three pitchers before the regulation nine innings ended with the game tied 3-3. Detroit had taken an early lead, scoring two runs in the first inning and adding another in the third. But the Royals came back with runs in the fourth, seventh and eighth, pushing the game into extra innings.

Jessey Grubb doubled in the 11th for the Tigers, scoring Darrell Evans and Robert Jones. The Royals then failed to score.

The Cubs, playing in their first post-season competition since 1945, enjoyed their victory thanks to starting pitcher, Steve Trout who gave up only five hits before he was relieved in the ninth. San Diego scored their first run of the series in the fourth, when the Cubs already had three runs on the scoreboard.

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Detroit — Petty, Hernandez (8), Lopez (7) and Parritz.
Kansas City — Sabersberger, Quisenberry (6) and Slaughter.
Home runs: Detroit — Gibson.
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LINE SCORE
Cubs 4, Padres 2
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San Diego — Thurmond, Hawkins (6), Dravecky (6), Loftis (8) and Kennedy.
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Focus

David Krivine talks to former finance minister Yigael Hurvitz (below)

'We must use the guillotine'



There must be no distraction from the task at hand — the task of saving the economy

WHAT IS NEEDED right now to save the economy? "A package deal, incorporating a cancellation of the cost-of-living allowance for one month," says Yigael Hurvitz, minister without portfolio in the new national unity government.

"In return, everything else must be frozen: prices, subsidies, taxes, the exchange rate — everything. Also interest rates should be slashed, to cheapen the inflated cost of capital." Inflation, he continues, must be halted in its tracks. This is, Hurvitz believes, the most important task facing the government. Assuming that the price-freeze begins in November, workers would be denied the November cost-of-living allowance (payable for price inflation in October). The two measures — the price freeze and the pay cut — have to go together, the one cannot be done without the other.

But the Histadrut has stated bluntly that it won't stomach any interference with the cost-of-living allowance. "I'd be ready to pass a law in the Knesset enforcing the cut in the allowance, that's how important it is," says Hurvitz.

And he goes further. The Histadrut should be persuaded to negotiate the package deal, and he expects that Finance Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will take the matter up again. "We are talking of a tri-partite agreement in which all sides — government, employers and labour — make a contribution. Should the Histadrut or the Manufacturers Association refuse point-blank to participate, the whole transaction might be embodied in an act of parliament."

He also addresses himself to the workers. "If they don't make this one-time sacrifice, they will pay for their refusal several times over. When inflation soars to 1,000 per cent or 1,500 per cent, the workers will be very much worse off. Not only will their real wages be eroded, but more serious than that, firms will close down, which means unemployment — and not of a controlled kind either."

Is it not necessary first that the government cut its budget? "That is being done," he answers. "The cabinet has decided to reduce expenditure by \$1b. The cut should really be \$1.5b. or more — some economists recommend \$2b. So \$1b. is a minimum of a minimum, and I hope it goes through."

IN A PUBLIC opinion poll held before the present government was formed, 47 per cent expressed their preference for Hurvitz as finance minister, more than all the other suggested candidates put together. But his faction — Ometz — won only a single Knesset seat, his own. How

did he come to be a minister nevertheless? Labour gave me a place on its list although unlike Ezer Weizman I have not joined the Alignment.

"I have in the past been minister of trade and industry. I have been finance minister — I've no further aspirations for cabinet rank. But I wanted to be a member of the economic cabinet so that I could push for the right policies. My appointment is not an expensive one. I've brought in a secretary and a driver, that's all — no personal assistant or anything else."

At this point the press-photographer who had tagged along with me and was taking pictures of Hurvitz, could not contain herself: "All the ministers and their Volvos — why this ostentation?" she interjects. "What example are they giving to the people?"

He looks at her earnestly. "When I was finance minister," he tells her, "I surrendered my Volvo and used an old Ford Escort instead. I thought other ministers might imitate me. Do you know what happened? They gave my Volvo to Dan Patir (then the prime minister's press spokesman), that's what happened."

Volvos aside, I remind the minister that on foreign affairs he had hawkish views to the point of denying his support for the Camp David agreement. He interrupts me: "All that I have put away in a drawer," he says, pointing to the side of his desk. "First things first — the economic problem supersedes everything else."

Is the economic situation really that bad? Hurvitz nods his head. "Leaving aside the gaping trade deficit, price inflation is running at 20-22 per cent a month, and that's mission impossible. Inflation feeds on itself, it's like — to change the metaphor — a car chasing its own tail. The spiral becomes a whirligig."

What does Hurvitz mean by using the phrase "non-controlled unemployment"? "If we don't take corrective measures the crisis will get out of hand and companies will fold one after the other. The production sector will be hardest hit. There will be many Atas," he warns (referring to the threatened textile firm). "But if we cut our budget and negotiate the long-awaited package deal, then we can control the process

of economic recovery. Unemployment is going to rise, I think that should be said out loud, however unpopular it makes us. When the Defence Ministry's allocations are pared, the military will reduce its orders and, bit by bit, supplier firms will shed workers."

The process however can be held in check. Given that we are over-extended, something has to give, that is unavoidable. But we can at least decide where the axe will fall.

"If there are dismissals they should be in the public services, not the production branch," he says. "We have to nurse our exports like the apple of our eye." A company missing out on orders from the government should be encouraged to

find alternative outlets in the export market.

But in government services, retrenchment is essential because that is the area which has grown excessively. "We have to live within our means, there is here a principle which ought to be added to the Ten Commandments."

We have had economy drives in the past, I point out. Hurvitz comments: "Just before the elections two laws were enacted, one supplying free creches for small children, the other instituting new benefits for demobilized soldiers. How much do these expensive pieces of legislation cost the taxpayer? I don't think the sponsors who tabled the bill had any idea."

"It happened in a period when we were already printing tens of billions of shekels a month. The welfare sector has been growing steadily while the production sector marked time. If we had produced more and devoted the money to welfare instead of paying our debts, I'd say alright, we may be allocating our money wrongly but at least it is our money."

"Instead of that we borrowed from the banks, we borrowed on the local market, and we printed and printed."

"If we live on what we can grab and not on our own resources, we shall never get out of the mess. When I was in charge of the Treasury, consumption per capita fell by 5

per cent. When I resigned I cautioned that we were moving towards collapse. My colleagues thought I was daft. Since that time consumption per capita has risen by 25 per cent, and we are on the brink of the precipice. People now understand what I was talking about."

The over-extended government services have to be cut back — "and not just through efficiency drives. They are necessary, of course, but that is not nearly enough. We have to reduce the size of the public sector by providing less education, fewer medical services. It's hard on everybody, not least on the civil servants who will be made redundant."

"It's not easy for men and women in their forties and fifties to be absorbed in export industries. I know that, but we have marched into a trap of our own making. This overspending cannot continue, we are obliged to pay our way. The mint where they print banknotes is not the address any more."

Will these reforms solve all our problems? "Not straightaway, but if we keep the lid down on financial extravagance, things should straighten out. Jobs will be hard to get, so productivity will rise — as it did when my policies of restraint were in force in 1980."

"Individuals will work hard so as not to lose their jobs." The days of easy-money, easy-go will be over. The nation will have to start earning its keep.

IS THE GOVERNMENT applying the necessary reforms? "I think it will, there is no choice. During the coming days and weeks we shall see moves in the right direction."

Would it not be possible to reduce the budget deficit by the scheduled \$1b. through tax increases?

"That isn't the way," Hurvitz declares firmly. "The cut of \$1b. refers to outlays. Our task is to decrease expenditure, not to step up revenue. Tax collection should be improved, and shirkers should be apprehended. But the tax level is high enough already. When incomes above a certain level are subject to an impost of 66 per cent, any further increase will only reduce people's incentive to work and increase the incentive to evade their dues. "Some exceptional tax hikes may

be necessary, but on a temporary basis and as an emergency measure. More than that would be contrary to all logic. And the taxes that are applied should not be of the kind that raise prices, as does the suggested levy on inventories."

What about the proposal that instead of charging school fees, secondary education be financed in part by an increased national insurance contribution — would that put up prices? "It would; any contribution that falls on the wage-bill inflates costs and, therefore, prices."

HURVITZ BELIEVES that action must be drastic and that it must be taken without delay. "We need surgical methods. We must use the guillotine. There is no leeway for gradual measures. We have wasted enough time as it is. It's a pity that we lost 42 precious days after the elections in organizing the formation of a government. There are not many more months to spare."

"We possess a unique opportunity to get the job done. Our national coalition comprises 97 Knesset members out of 120. The government is broad-based, and the population is ready to make sacrifices."

Yet over two weeks have already passed since the government was formed and no negotiations are mooted so far for a package deal. Hurvitz is confident that the negotiations will take place, but hints at difficulties: "There is a danger," he concedes reluctantly, "that some people have their eye on the Histadrut elections next year and may try to slow things down, postponing painful belt-tightening measures until after the event."

"If reforms are held up I would suggest tabling a war-against-inflation bill in the Knesset, pushing the measures through without delay. We don't have a moment to spare. I would even consider having the Histadrut elections put off for a time, until we are clear of the predicament we are in."

"Many people will be shocked at this interference with the democratic process, but it's a measure of how grave our situation is. There must be no distraction from the task at hand, which has a priority over all other issues — the task of saving the economy."

"Let me repeat: we are at the parting of the ways. Everybody knows this is our last chance. The economy can be set on the right path — I'm sure the opportunity will not be missed this time."

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Journey to Jerusalem

By HAIM SHAPIRO / Jerusalem Post Reporter

HE SUFFERED persecution at the hands of the Tsarist troops, danger from Communist commissars and intimidation from Polish soldiers, but there is anything that worries Rabbi Selig Starr today it is the pointless hatred of one Jew for another.

Sitting in an almost bare room in the Romanesque quarter of Jerusalem, the elderly rabbi delves back into his past for memories. His only furniture is a study table and his many books.

It is not an easy task for Rabbi Starr, who was born in the province of Pinsk in 1896. Many of his memories are etched in bitterness and he would prefer to remember the happier times, 57 years as the head of a well-known yeshiva, Hebrew Theological College, in Chicago.

But his earliest memories are of fear. He recalls that when he was five, he was told that if he went into the street and spoke in Russian he would be killed. It was a strange existence, in which his family lived among the Russian peasantry, were in constant communication with them, and yet never ceased to be terrified of them.

But for a time, at least, he was shielded from all this by being sent to yeshivot, first in Novogorod and then in Kovno. Both institutions followed the Musar philosophy of Rabbi Israel Salanter.

When the yeshiva moved to Minsk in 1914 because of World War I, he moved along with it. At the same time, he says, another group from the same yeshiva set up a branch in Lublin, which remained there until the massacres of 1929.

By 1916, however, the situation had deteriorated too much and the students were sent home. There he studied and studied while his

mother supported the family by running a shop which sold axle grease for the peasants' wagons. They were lucky, he notes, because usually they were given food in return.

By 1917, the peasants had killed off most of their landlords while, at the same time, the battle raged back and forth between the Russian Communists and the Poles. Neither were very friendly, but Starr says that it was the Poles who were the most dangerous.

ACTING in their defence was the fact that in an atmosphere where many of the Jews had thrown off religion, his family remained observant. The Poles accepted this as proof that they were not Communists and the Communists decided that this indicated that they were apolitical.

True, he notes, the Communists had killed many of the merchants, but his family was so poor as to escape such attacks. Then he muses that the peasants would have probably killed his family as well if they hadn't needed their wares.

But again he notes that he too thought that the Communists had seemed to be an improvement on the situation under the Tsar, when peo-

ple were forced to practise the profession of their fathers. "We didn't know then about Stalin," he adds, with the killings, when every person was afraid he would be next.

The Communists did not close the synagogues officially, he remembers, but they became empty as young people became revolutionaries. In fact, he says, by going to school they proved to the Communists that they would not interfere. "It was good to be religious and poor," he says.

When the Poles were in control, he recalls, he was with his brother in the street when some soldiers came up to them and began beating them. Later an officer came to their home and asked if he could identify his attackers.

"I wouldn't identify them for anything in the world," he told the officer, "I don't want to die." Evidently the officer understood his position.

On another occasion, he was in the street and a Polish soldier motioned him to cover over. Instead, he fled and the soldier ran after him, following him into the home of a local Jew where he hid under the bed. The soldier looked everywhere but not there, he said, adding, "my life wasn't worth that," holding up a finger.

UNDER SUCH conditions, it is no wonder that he made his way to Warsaw in an attempt to obtain a visa to the U.S. The lines of applicants he says, stretched for two blocks, and many were rejected. There was the quota system, already in effect and, in addition, the Americans were afraid that they might be bringing in Communists. Because he was young, he was also suspect. But armed with a battery of refer-

ences that included one from the noted Jewish thinker and scholar, Hillel Zeitlin, and another from the local Catholic priest, he was given a visa. What seemed particularly to impress the consul, he said, was that the invitation to come to the U.S. had been from a synagogue.

As Jews tried to escape their intolerable conditions, a whole collection of legends about the granting of visas started. In one such story, a Jew, after being turned down, muttered *gam zu letova* ("this too is for the good"). Thinking he was being cursed, the consul called in a translator to interpret, but upon being told the meaning of the epithet granted the Jew a visa after all.

Even with his recommendations, says Starr, he had to travel to Warsaw twice, an expensive and sometimes dangerous journey, but eventually a visa was granted. In 1921, he and his family went by ship from Danzig to the U.S. It was, in his words, like going from *gehenna* to *gan eden*.

Like many immigrants to the U.S., Starr found himself going to night school to learn English, but only seven years later, after having never attended a secular school before, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Chicago. Two years later, he received his M.A. in history. He loved history and philosophy and it was a difficult decision for him to return to the yeshiva and give up what appeared to be a promising career in academia.

RABBI STARR is quite obviously aware of the faults of American Jewry, but is far from being overly critical. The Jewish community in the U.S. has achieved great merits by virtue of its support of Israel, he says, not just on the financial level, but perhaps more importantly on the political plane. Moreover, he admires the ability of American Jews to forget their differences and work together, something that he feels Israelis could emulate.

In Chicago he saw, practically from its inception, the Hebrew Theological College, for many years as the only yeshiva in the American midwest. Cast in the model of a liberal Orthodox institution, it carries a full curriculum in addition to the traditional yeshiva studies.

At the same time he served as the rabbi of a local congregation on the

South Side of Chicago in an area where there is today no sign of Jews or synagogues. One student remembers an occasion on which a massive snowstorm kept virtually all the faculty away. Only Rabbi Starr, already advanced in years, made the trip which in normal weather would have taken over an hour from the South Side to the yeshiva campus in suburban Skokie. Since his arrival in Israel a few months ago, dozens of his former students have called to pay their respects.

If there is one aspect of Israeli life that hurts him it is the *sinat hinam*, the blind senseless hatred, between various groups. He especially singled out a commentary on the passage, "you should love your neighbour as yourself," which interpreted it to restrict such feelings to only when your neighbour is observant.

Having accepted a position as the head of the yeshiva of Darche Noam, a small, but select institution for English-speaking *hazrim beshuva* (penitents), he is in an especially good position to advance his own thoughts on the need for Jews to love one another.

All in all, looking back over his life, Rabbi Starr has one overriding feeling — "I am a very lucky man."



Selig Starr... 'It was good to be religious and poor.'

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FRIENDS of the late Simcha Ehrlich, the Likud's first finance minister, looked on with less than dissatisfaction as the current incumbent at the Treasury got back a good taste of the same bitter medicine he was dishing out in the not-forgotten past. They recall that Yitzhak Moda'i, the current holder of Ehrlich's twin posts as finance minister and Liberal Party chairman, was instrumental in causing his senior colleague's downfall.

But in-the-know Likudniks are not sure of the reason for Deputy Premier David Levy's slashing attacks on Moda'i. Their opinion divides into three schools of thought. One group peddles the obvious theory that 1981's "strong man-for-the-Histadrut" is rocking the national unity boat in an effort to polish his image as the working man's hero for next year's labour federation elections. But there are others who say that Levy is motivated by a desire to cut off the rebound of industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, in the race to supplant Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as Herut's Numero Uno. A third group argues, with equal conviction that Levy is doing his best to destroy the national unity coalition, and thus Shamir's prospects for rotating with Prime Minister Shimon Peres in two years time, before the Herut convention convenes next spring.

At any rate Levy has earned himself a new title — "the last socialist in the government" — from Herut Knesset colleague Gideon Gadot.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL. The picture gallery of former ministers hanging on a wall in the finance minister's office has been reduced to six. The picture gallery now includes only Eliezer Kaplan, Levi Eshkol, Ze'ev Shafar, Pinhas Sapir, Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Simcha Ehrlich. Similar photos of Yigael Hurvitz, Yoram Aridor and Yigal Cohen-Orad have been removed, apparently at Moda'i's request.

WHAT'S COOKING. Remember the late Golda Meir's "kitchen cabinet"? We now appear to have the makings of a "Peres pantry" in the works, since the prime minister revived the old Mapai custom of convening party ministers in a Saturday night forum, to sound out ideas before Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting. The meetings, designed to assure a common front at the cabinet, are being held in the PM's office at 110 Rehov Hayarkon. Wonder how Labour's allies — Ezer Weizman of Yahad, Amnon Rubinstein of Shinui, and Yigael Hurvitz of Ometz, will react to being left out.

AS PERES packs his bags for his first official visit as PM to Washington, he'll be delighted to know that political astrologer Herzi Lipshitz gives him a full two years in the premiership, forecasting new elections — and no rotation with Shamir — in the summer of 1986. The other good news found in the stars by Lipshitz is a sizeable financial recovery later this year thanks to outside aid. The bad news is the likelihood of an outbreak of fighting with Syria in November-December.

As to what the stars have in store for other countries, — Lipshitz has the interesting prediction that George Bush rather than Ronald Reagan will occupy the White House in 1985. He raises question marks over the reign of King Hussein of Jordan and the Egyptian presidency of Hosni Mubarak in the course of 1985.

U.S. AMBASSADOR Samuel Lewis gave an insight into official American thinking when talking to *Davar* Editor Haima Zemer in a once-yearly interview with a local newspaper. Speaking before he flew off to Washington in advance of the Peres visit, Lewis declared "There is no U.S. commitment to grant extra aid...beyond the \$2.6 billion given annually. But there is a willingness, even a U.S. resolution, to help Israel overcome its serious plight. We are deeply concerned about the deterioration of your economy." When Zemer wondered whether the U.S. had no choice but to come to Israel's rescue, Lewis replied: "We would like to help, but we have no overflowing financial resources."

PREMIER PERES will be flying to the U.S. with his old press aide and today Government Secretary Dr. Yosef Beilin, his political adviser Dr. Nimrod Novick and PM's Office Director-General Avraham (Abraham) Tamir. Tamir seemed more tranquil this week, after going public last week-end in a number of press interviews with the warning: "If I'm not allowed to work, I'll walk out."

CONTRARY TO REPORTS being circulated here, we've learned that Peres will get unprecedented press coverage during his upcoming American visit. Sources on the transatlantic grapevine inform me that Uri Savir, the press consul in New York, has laid on quite a media binge for the visiting PM. Savir will also accompany the Peres entourage to Washington for meetings with President Ronald Reagan, Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other top members of the administration.

Savir has benefited from the guidance of his boss in New York, Consul-General Naftali Lavie. Lavie, you'll recall, learned the art of spokespersonship in stunts with Peres (at the Defence Ministry) and the late Moshe Dayan (at Defence and Foreign Affairs). It may not be common knowledge that Lavie was a prime candidate for the post of director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, a post that went to Tamir, as part of the agreement with Ezer Weizman's Yahad Party.

Incidentally, Uri Savir is one of our few second-generation diplomats. His father, Leo Savir, is the former ambassador to Finland.

A good performance by Savir during the trip might make him a contender for the still-vacant post of press counsellor to Premier Peres. That post has been turned down by some of our top media stars — including Matti Golan of *Ha'aretz*, Peres' biographer, and Israel TV's Dan Raviv and Nissim Mital. We understand that the newsmen are reluctant to take the post because of its lack of long-term job security (Peres has only two more years as PM, until the premiership is scheduled to "rotate" to Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir).

THE ACTING director of the Government Press Office, Morton Dolinsky, is not planning to leave quietly. Although his contract expires at the

end of this month and the permanent appointment of Dr. Israel Peleg, to the post has been announced by the Prime Minister's office, Dolinsky has let it be known that his Herut party patron, Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, has assured him that he'll stay put. Incidentally, Dolinsky's predecessor, Ze'ev Chafets has asked for a further year's unpaid leave from the press office to complete a new literary project. He has just flown to the U.S. on a promotion tour on his book *Double Vision* a study of western media mis-reporting on Israel, under the University of Washington imprint.

Peleg, who is chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority's information committee, had a neat solution ready when Gali Zahal

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Yitzhak Moda'i (Guthmann)



Yosef Beilin (Auerbach)



Nimrod Novick (Auerbach)

commander Ron Ben-Israel urged the IBA management committee to help sports-hungry IDF troops stationed in Lebanon by augmenting sports broadcasts there. Peleg's idea: "It's simple, bring the boys home. They'll be able to hear all the sports they want."

I HEAR THAT Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon has made little headway in lobbying Peres to appoint Nava Arad as a deputy minister.

ENERGY MINISTER Moshe Shahal — Haifa's only minister — proved his worth for his city this week by lobbying for the struggling Ata workers. He has opened the first ministerial bureau in Haifa — at the Oceanographic Research Station —

and his Jerusalem office is in the hands of Edith Gurel, daughter of Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel.

I CONFESS to having failed to discover the identity of two top-level Madison Avenue PR men despatched almost clandestinely to Jerusalem by Jewish Agency board of governors chairman Jerrold (Chuck) Hoffberger. I managed to learn only that their Herculean task was to suggest how the Agency's image could be improved in Israel and overseas. A prime difficulty for them was that most of the Agency officials they were supposed to have met were off on world travels. They were fortunate to have met Jewish Agency director-general Shlomo Tadmor who spent three whole days in Jerusalem during their visit be-

tween trips to New York and London.

I'M TOLD that the NRP's Avraham Melamed was responsible for the recess-eve invasion of the Knesset Members' dining room by child-carrying wives of the jailed Jewish terrorist underground suspects. The MKs were urged to press for special conditions for their men. Melamed helped found a committee to support the terror suspects, led by fellow NRP MK Avner Scialy and Tehiya-Tzomet MK Rafael (Rafael) Eitan.

In these belt-tightening days it would be interesting to know who is financing the expensive legal counsel hired for the boys from Tel Mond. One of the lawyers, for example, is reported to have already been paid \$140,000, and the trial has only just started.

Incidentally, the Rosh-Hashana issue of *Nekuda*, the Gush Emunim journal, carries on its front page cover a picture from 1976 depicting then-defence minister Peres planting saplings at the settlement of Ofra. Helping him is local settler leader, Yehuda Etkes, today Accused No. 2 in the terror trial.

IT WAS quite an occasion at the Va'ad Hapoel, the Histadrut HQ, with shofar blowing and other ceremony. The two chief rabbis — Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliash — paid a pastoral visit, the first of its kind to the heart of organized labour.

The special relationship between Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and the Sephardi chief rabbi was apparent to all. The festive ambience was brought back to earth by Na'amat secretary Masha Labeley, who complained of women's sufferings in the bureaucracy of the

rabbinical courts. The two rabbis promised to improve matters.

WHILE LABOUR MK Dov Ben-Meir is bidding for the Knesset environmental sub-committee chairmanship, some of his party comrades think he should first improve the political environment by honouring his preselection commitment to step down as acting Tel Aviv mayor if he was returned once more to the Knesset. Hatikva Quarter party branch secretary Dr. Yekutiel Shurabi has written to Labour Party control commission chairman Arye Ankorian asking why the party decision in Ben-Meir's case had not been carried out. Ankorian promised to take action. Watch this space for future developments.

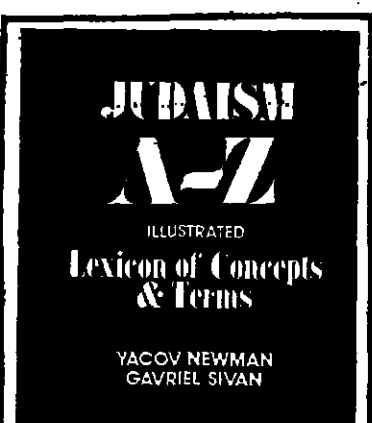
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Meanwhile, at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, a new board of governors chairman, Robert Arnow was installed. President of Swig-Weiler Inc. of New York, Arnow is also the son-in-law of Jack Weiler who recently had a Jerusalem neighbourhood named for him. Arnow, who has been president of the university's U.S. Friends, replaced former chairman, Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild, also now of New York.

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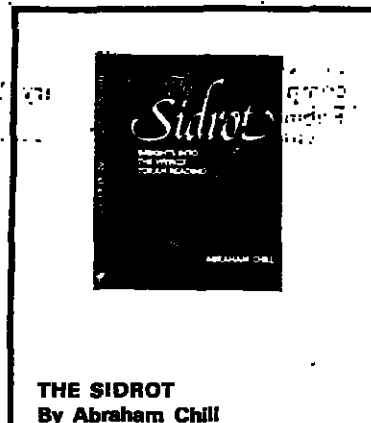
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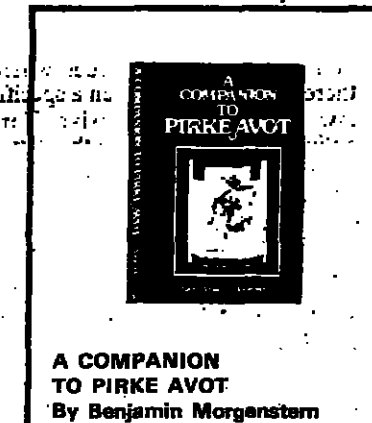
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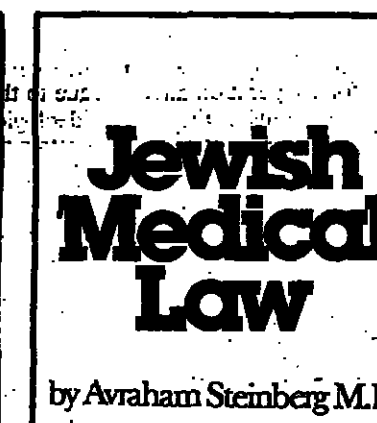
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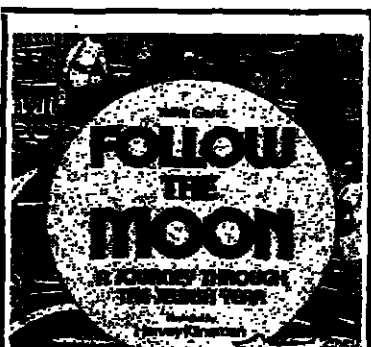
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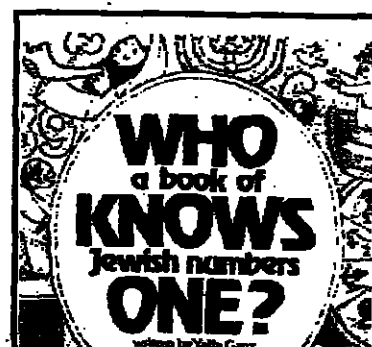
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Pluralism: two Orthodox views

The Jerusalem Post's ARYEH RUBINSTEIN meets two rabbis with divergent views on a controversial subject.

IT IS NOT LIKELY that in the near future non-Orthodox rabbis will be granted legal status on a par with the Orthodox, wrote S.Z. Abramov, then a deputy Knesset Speaker, in 1976.

The forecast was made in one of the final pages of his book, *Perpetual Dilemma: Jewish Religion in the Jewish State*. It could be repeated today without alteration.

Interviews last week with two Orthodox rabbis indicate that the Orthodox camp itself is sharply divided on the question of religious pluralism in Israel.

Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, for many years professor of philosophy at the Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Illinois, sums up his position as follows:

"I am opposed to the Reform and Conservative ideologies, but the same right that I claim for myself is theirs: to express their ideology in their own way. Beyond that, I strive for cooperation and dialogue to the very limits of the various ideologies in the hope of eventually attaining unity."

Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, head of Yeshivat Birkat Moshe, the best yeshiva at Maaleh Adumim, sees it differently:

"If the Reform and Conservative Jews want to constitute themselves as self-contained religious groups they are by all means entitled to it. They would then be free to act as they see fit, just as a Moslem imam may perform a bigamous marriage. But they don't want to minister only to their flock; they want to be my rabbi!"

Berkovits, who studied at the Hildesheimer Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin, says that unity is the be-all and end-all of Judaism. The differences between the three streams were produced by the Diaspora. But Judaism is essentially the way of life of a people; it can be fully realized only by a people. The supreme mitzva is to work for unity in the spirit of *Ahavat Yisrael*—love for all Israel.

Stressing his adherence to Halacha, Berkovits finds it regrettable "that Halacha, as it is understood today, rather than contributing its share to the striving for Jewish unity, only deepens the fragmentation."

The quote is from Berkovits' most recent book, *Not in Heaven: The Nature and Function of Halakha* (Ktav, 1983), which last year won the American Jewish Committee prize for the best book on Jewish thought. The book might be de-

scribed as giving the halachic case for pluralism.

In our interview, Berkovits said that there are three reasons for his strong objection to any form of religious coercion. The first, paradoxically, is halachic. In the absence of a Sanhedrin, and with the abrogation of *semicha* in its original sense, no halachic authority has the right to impose its will.

The second reason he labels "spiritual." In matters of religion and conscience, compulsion is out: "You don't achieve more religious observance or more respect for Judaism this way."

Strongest of all is the ethical reason: not to recognize the Conservative and Reform streams is to treat them the way other religions and Christian states treated Jews in the course of the Dispersion when they refused to recognize the Jewish marriage ceremony.

"It is morally wrong to say, 'I don't recognize you. It's no solution. What is needed is a responsible dialogue between the three groups, each guided by a sense of responsibility towards Klal Yisrael.'"

Berkovits says that conversion is one of many issues where there is a conflict between a specific law and a comprehensive Torah obligation. In this case the latter being the commandment of *Ahavat Yisrael*, the obligation to work for peace and unity.

While *Ahavat Yisrael* is not a specific commandment, it is more fundamental than any individual mitzva, Berkovits asserts.

"*Ahavat Yisrael* and *Ahavat ha-Shem*—the love of God—are the foundations of Judaism. And innumerable Midrashim tell us that we must learn to live in unity even with Jews who do not observe the mitzvot."

One well-known Midrash tells us that the "four species" that are blessed on Sukkot stand for four types of Jews. The *etrog*, which is both tasty and fragrant (has *ta'am va-rei'ah*), represents the Jews who have both Torah learning and good deeds. The *lulav*, with taste but no fragrance, represents those with Torah learning but without good deeds. The *hadass* (myrtle), fragrant but not tasty, is like the Jews with good deeds but without Torah learning. And the *arava* (willow), with neither taste nor fragrance, is like those who lack both Torah knowledge and good deeds.

But the real point of the Midrash is found in the less familiar punch-line: "And God [in prescribing the four species] is saying: 'Let them all be bound in a single bundle and they will atone for one another.'"

Berkovits says that this is only another way of stating the concept that *kol yisrael arevin zeh bazeh*—all Jews are responsible for one another. If there are Jews devoid of both Torah learning and good deeds, then all other Jews must assume a share of the responsibility and atone for their failure. And all four types, by acknowledging their responsibility for the Jewish unity, make an important contribution towards overcoming the failings of all Israel.

THE REAL PROBLEM, says Berkovits, is that nobody knows how to run a Jewish state in 1984 according to Halacha. Once this is worked out he is certain that great changes will take place in the various ideologies, which are all conditioned by life in the Diaspora. If he proves to be mistaken, and his "perhaps utopian" ideal of unity proves unattainable, the non-Orthodox groupings will still be entitled to equal rights in practising Judaism according to their lights.

His anti-coercion position led me to ask him whether he thinks there should be religious parties in the Knesset. He does not rule them out, but he is opposed to their using their political power to force religious legislation on the non-religious.

"Judaism is too precious to be reduced to a commodity in the coalition market," Berkovits calls for "the restoration of Halacha to its original function." The Torah, he says, is eternal because it has a word for each generation. But the halachic authorities tend to take the easy way out.

"They impose the word meant for yesterday and thus miss hearing the word meant for today, for this generation, for this new hour in the history of the Jewish people."

RABBI NACHUM RABINOVITCH, former principal of Jews College, London, previously studied in yeshivot in Montreal and Baltimore and taught mathematics at the University of Toronto, where he had earned a Ph.D. He has served congregations in Toronto and Charleston, South Carolina.

He has written *Probability and Statistical Inference*, a history of probability theory, and three volumes have already appeared of *Yad Peshuta*, an edition of part of the Rambam's *Mishne Torah*, with a comprehensive commentary by Rabinovitch.

Although he settled permanently in Jerusalem only a year ago, he was appointed rosh yeshiva at Birkat Moshe three years ago, and for two years he divided his time between London and Jerusalem.

What does the concept of *Ahavat Yisrael* mean to Rabinovitch? "It is a most fundamental and basic principle," he replies. "I would be most distressed to see Reformers or any other group try to constitute themselves a self-contained body outside of Klal Yisrael."

"If they want to live with me, they should accept the jurisdiction of the competent *batei din* on the basic matters of Jewish identity, such as marriage, divorce, and conversion. And we should help them take this position by not agitating against them and urging them not to agitate against us."

Is *Ahavat Yisrael* a factor to be taken into account in applying Halacha? With respect to individual Jews who get into trouble because of a questionable divorce or the like, says Rabinovitch, *Ahavat Yisrael* tells us to treat their problem with humane compassion.

Part of the mitzva, he says, is to tell the people the truth without hurting them needlessly. And he adds that if there were less partisan recrimination there would be greater prospects of achieving wider understanding of Torah values and greater harmony.

Unlike Berkovits, Rabinovitch cannot imagine any situation in which there is a genuine conflict between *Ahavat Yisrael* and a particular mitzva.

"*Ahavat Yisrael* always justifies leniency in the fulfillment of another mitzva. But the question of where leniency is possible is not arbitrary; it is itself a legal question. Where personal hardship is concerned, one always exhausts all possibilities."

Was this true of the Agudat Yisrael rabbis who have never forgiven Rabbi Shlomo Goren for his lenient ruling, that "the brother and sister," in the famous case a decade ago, were not *mumzerim*? Rabinovitch chooses not to comment.

He says that one of the leading Reform rabbis in the U.S., a graduate of Hebrew Union College, is unable to read—"I don't say *understand* but read—even vowelised Hebrew."

And even the average graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative institution in New York, is unable to read and understand a page of Talmud chosen at random, something that can be done by the average third- or fourth-year student in an Israeli high school yeshiva, Rabinovitch says.

"The state has no business legislating what is a proper marriage or divorce. And the State of Israel doesn't do that. It grants every religious group the authority to work within its own confines."

But doesn't the Rabbinical Courts Law give the rabbinical courts jurisdiction in matters involving the personal status of all Jews?

"I'd support a law permitting a group of Reform rabbis to officiate at religious ceremonies—provided that their authority is restricted to their own group."

"But that's exactly what they don't want. Why do they care whether their conversion is recognized? Because they want their children to be able to marry my children. They don't want any Orthodox family to raise any objection to their legitimacy."

But if a woman who was divorced in the U.S. by a non-Orthodox rabbi settles here and wants to remarry, why does the Israel rabbinate refuse to examine the nature of her conversion and disqualify the divorce automatically?

"Our *beit din* in Toronto always made a point—unless the divorce had been performed by a *beit din* we knew—of inquiring about the rabbis involved. The Israeli rabbinate is justified in assuming that if a Reform rabbi was involved, there is a strong probability that he was incompetent. I don't know a single Reform rabbi who is interested in following Halacha even for himself."

IF AN INDIVIDUAL Reform or Conservative Jew wants to come under our jurisdiction then we can perform the particular ceremony honestly only in our way, says Rabinovitch.

There are people who don't care about rabbinical jurisdiction, he says, and they go to Cyprus to get married.

He makes it abundantly clear that, in his view, the Reform and Conservative movements can do things their way only by "reading themselves out of Judaism" or being read out of it.

Rabinovitch speaks strongly against religious compulsion. Judaism places a high value on voluntary performance of the mitzvot and its whole object is to evoke a willing response on the part of the free man.

How does this high-sounding principle dovetail with the Orthodox demonstrations against Friday night cinema in Petah Tikva?

That is not a case of imposing a certain type of behaviour on the non-religious, he says. When people live together they must take account of each other's sensibilities. Friday night performances in the vicinity of the city's Great Synagogue and the home of the chief rabbi are "an ugly provocation."

Rabinovitch is "inclined to agree" with those Orthodox critics who maintain that religious legislation forced through the Knesset by virtue of the temporary key position of the religious parties does the Orthodox cause more harm than good.

But there is no hard and fast rule, he says. Thus, on the question of abortion, he thinks that there is much more public support for imposing limits than the media would have us believe. If a referendum were held, he is convinced that a significant majority would favour close control over abortions.

WHILE THE non-Orthodox will no doubt applaud the stand of Berkovits, they should know that he has no constituency, no battalions. But his support of pluralism in Judaism—even if it does not lead to the unity that is his hope—is based on a solid underpinning of halachic knowledge.

In addition to his numerous philosophical writings, including *Major Themes in Modern Philosophies of Judaism*, he has written two major works on Halacha: *Thai b'N'suin u'y'Ger* and *Ha-Halacha: Koha v'Tafkida*, published by Mossad Harav Kook.

So far, though, the Zionist rabbis—there is no point in talking about Agudat Yisrael or the Eida Haredit—have not chosen to grapple with Berkovits' bold halachic thinking.

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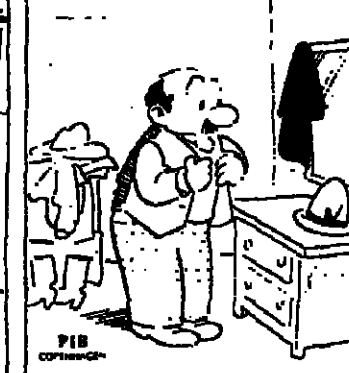
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IN THE RABBINIC tradition the month of Tishre, the "month of the sounding of the shofar," is regarded as the period which celebrates the creation of the world. In the liturgy of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur the theme of creation is interwoven with the theme of judgment (*din*). Let us examine this connection and its relevance to the moral and political renewal so urgently needed in our society.

The doctrine of creation is not merely a theory regarding the origins of the universe. The biblical description of creation must not be understood primarily as a scientific explanation of the origin of the universe. The doctrine of creation as a dramatic metaphor has normative significance which transcends its factual descriptive content. The Torah does not attempt to convey neutral factual information; as a religious text its primary purpose is to offer direction (Tora - from root "to instruct") to the human quest for meaning and purpose.

Judaism differs from religions which preach salvation through faith and belief. It focuses primarily on the content and significance of human behavior. The centrality of *mitzva* in Judaism indicates the primary significance of action above belief. Judaism is essentially a way of life - its emphasis is on practical concerns - on doing, on social and economic justice, on family relations, in a word, on Halacha (Halacha from root "to go").

How does one relate to the world and to other human beings? What meaning may an individual ascribe to life? How is it possible for a person to discover new dimensions in his quest for holiness? The rabbinic tradition's weaving together the theme of creation with Rosh Hashana suggests that creation is intimately connected with man's spiritual rebirth.

THE BIBLICAL teaching of creation suggests the unique importance of human life. In the biblical account of creation, man is singled out from the rest of nature and set apart as a creature of irreducible worth and significance. Only man is formed "in the image of God" (Gen. 1:27).

And only man is addressed directly by God (Gen. 1:26) and held accountable for his deeds. That is, only man is free and thus responsible for shaping his life consciously and with deliberation.

Man alone is considered "other" by God. It is only with man that God communicates *mitzva* (commandments) and makes a covenant, since the human species alone is comprised of free individuals who can oppose the will of God. The covenantal challenge, "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy" (Lev. 19:1) may only be addressed to that being who, like God, is free.

IT WOULD BE hard to find a Jewish community anywhere in the world more committed to its heritage, yet at the same time more involved with the society in which it lives, than that of Gibraltar.

Though only 600-strong, the Gibraltar Jewish community is probably the only one outside Israel or the United States that constitutes as much as 2 per cent of the population (there are a total of some 30,000 people living on "the Rock").

That relatively high percentage goes some way towards explaining how it is that those few hundred Jews provide the current chief minister, Sir Joshua Hassan, as well as the current mayor, Abraham Serfaty. Indeed, a few years ago, three of the eight-man Gibraltar cabinet were Jews.

Nor is Jewish influence confined to politics. Jews play a prominent role in every facet of life in Gibraltar, particularly commerce. A quick walk down Main Street, Gibraltar's busy shopping thoroughfare, reveals a multitude of shops with names like Hassan, Serfaty and Cohen.

Jews have been living in Gibraltar since the 14th century, and the legal right of Jewish settlement was recognized in 1749. Most came from North Africa, and even today there are many family links between Gibraltar Jews and Jews from nearby Morocco (Tangier is only 15 minutes away by plane).

The Moorish influence is evident in Gibraltar's four beautiful synagogues (five if you count the "Children's Synagogue"). Each is adorned with exquisite religious objects. Though not all of them are of Moorish or Spanish origin, some

Creation and judgment

By DAVID HARTMAN

The unique status and stature of man is a dominant feature of biblical and rabbinic morality. In the Talmud, the fact that Adam was originally created alone was intended to teach that he who saved a single life should be regarded as if he had saved an entire world, and he who destroyed a single life should be regarded as having destroyed an entire world (*Mishna Sanhedrin*).

Creation implies the absolute dignity of human life irrespective of race, religion or creed. Acknowledgement of the worth of human life in the light of creation commits one to reject the depersonalization of human beings by violence or by the institutions created by industrial society. The believer in creation must reject the morality of the crowd and of conformity. He must be morally disgusted by all forms of reducing people to numbers.

The fact that the expression used so often to refer to the victims of the Holocaust - "the six million" - has become trite and hackneyed, reveals the desensitizing effect of quantifying human suffering. We always mourn for individuals. A believer in the doctrine of creation is challenged to feel wonder and amazement at the birth of one single human life. He abhors the vulgar statement, "If you know one, you know them all."

Modern mass media have in many ways made us insensitive to the precious value of a single human life. We may decry great acts of violence while remaining unmoved by the plight of the single lonely person. To affirm creation is to declare war on all such forms of dehumanization.

ROSH HASHANA, which may be characterized as a call to stand still and examine carefully the quality of one's life, makes no sense in a depersonalized world. Rosh Hashana's call to spiritual renewal falls on deaf ears unless one is moved by the music of "man created in the image of God."

The day celebrating creation and the day when each individual is judged are one and the same. Spiritual renewal and accountability (judgment) are acted out against a background which indicates the supreme dignity of human life (creation). Only he who appreciates the importance of the notion of *tzem elohim* (image of God) may relate

seriously to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

The rabbinic rooting of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in creation colours the way one experiences the awesome features of judgment. It suggests that judgment takes place because human life is significant (creation). Human beings are judged because human action is important. One must carefully scrutinize every single act one does. The *al chet* ("for the sin") confessional presupposes that each and every human act is worthy of assessment. The dignity of man requires that one consider the importance of a single act. Human society becomes morally sloppy when we fail to sharpen our focus on the consequences of particular actions. Moral renewal is not brought about by broad generalized feelings of guilt but rather by the serious evaluation of what one did and did not do in particular situations.

The specification of human conduct and the particularization of human beings in the light of the "image of God" conception of man counteracts paralyzing feelings of guilt by reaffirming the value and dignity of man and the importance of particular actions. The judgment of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is not to condemn man for his past failings but above all to call man to *shuva* and to change the course of his life. The tenor of the judgment is not dominated by human guilt or terror of divine wrath but rather by the unique worth of man which makes *shuva* so urgent and important.

The call to *shuva* on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is an attempt to reawaken in man the determination to shape his life and renew his spirit. There is no judgment in Judaism which is not linked to the hope for *shuva*. The purpose of judgment is less to determine guilt than to encourage change and personal re-evaluation. The liturgy of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is a fervent plea to man to believe that he can change, can alter his habits and past patterns and build towards a new future through honest introspection in the present.

THE NOTION of the absolute value of a single human life which lies at the heart of creation must not be understood as an idealized romantic

concept of man. Judaism's emphasis on the dignity and uniqueness of man did not lead to a naive picture of human goodness. Immediately following the account of creation, the Bible presents detailed descriptions of human failures: Cain and Abel, the tower of Babel, Noah and the generation of the flood.

The Bible's account of human history is an explicit chronicle of hatred, jealousy, pettiness and violence. God gave the Torah to a people prepared to stone their liberating leader whenever they encountered danger or deprivation. Although man was created as a free, independent being (*tzem elohim*), he often chooses slavery rather than face insecurity. There are no illusions about human nature in the Bible nor in the rabbinic tradition. Belief in the doctrine of creation did not create romantic naive idealists.

Yom Kippur is not a holiday celebrating a romantic faith in human innocence. Throughout the liturgy, we are awakened to the reality of human failure. Consequently, we affirm judgment and political renewal as mature people fully aware of the harsh reality of human evil.

Our affirmation of the importance of *din* (judgment), *b'ria* (creation) and *shuva* (return, renewal) takes place this year at a time when we are experiencing the social and political fragility of the State of Israel. During this difficult time in history we have to live with the hope of renewal because as Jews we have been conditioned by the regenerative power of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Diaspora Jews must believe in Israel's spiritual renewal despite acknowledging our social and moral weaknesses. The political reality of Israel challenges the Jewish people to integrate creation and judgment in a mature vision of the future renewal of our people.

One does not need dramatic slogans and myths which are not grounded in reality in order to generate our commitment to work for the spiritual renewal of Israel. Love based on childhood illusions and myths about the spiritual purity of the Jewish people contradict the spirit of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur which proclaim the determination to struggle for renewal while being fully aware to human weaknesses and frailty.

If the Jewish world will listen to the powerful rhythms of the liturgy and will patiently reflect on the dominant theme of love grounded in reality, we will gain the strength to love our people and ourselves as individuals with a profound, mature love capable of sustaining commitment in the midst of uncertainty and imperfection.

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Committed community

By HYAM CORNEY / Post London Correspondent

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DESPITE ITS relatively small size, the Jewish community has its own primary school, attended by virtually all of Gibraltar's children up to the age of 11. Moreover, all four synagogues are in regular use every Shabbat, and the four take it in turn - three months each - to host the daily morning and evening weekday services. A regular Shabbat worshipper is the chief minister, whose officials know that however important a matter of state, he cannot be disturbed on a Saturday morning before services end at 11 a.m.

All of Gibraltar's Jews seem to be inter-related. The president of the community, James Levy, is a nephew of Sir Joshua Hassan. Aged

33, Levy has "a dream" - to build a secondary school in addition to the primary school.

When I visited Gibraltar recently, he told me that the Jewish community of Gibraltar was eager for more contact with Jews from the rest of the world. "We want to feel less isolated and to establish links with international Jewish organizations. We have many Jewish tourists here, and many Gibraltarians Jews go to Israel on holiday. Many of our youngsters also go to yeshiva there."

"It is very easy to be Jewish in Gibraltar. It is a close-knit community, middle-class and not affluent, and people make vast sacrifices to maintain our institutions."

Not surprisingly, there is neither anti-Semitism nor a hint of anti-Israel sentiment. Even at the height

of the Lebanon war, when the international media was virtually unanimous in its condemnation of Israel's invasion, the Gibraltar media took a different stand. As James Levy says: "Gibraltarians admire Israel's courage and because Gibraltar is also besieged, there is a natural affinity between us and Israel."

Gibraltarians - Jew and Gentile - are united in their determination that "the Rock" should remain a British colony and should not be handed over to Spain. They would welcome the re-opening of the border with mainland Spain (at present they can cross over once a day, but only on foot, whereas tourists cannot go over at all), but wish to retain their British link.

Gibraltar is a strange mixture of Spanish and British cultures. Every one is bilingual, the currency is sterling, the policemen are dressed like the British "bobby," yet cars do not travel on the left, as in Britain.

It has some fine beaches and modern hotels, a casino - and the famous Barbary apes to visit and feed.

Gibraltar would welcome more tourists, and the Jewish community in particular would welcome more Israeli tourists: "We don't get many," says Levy, "but we would be delighted to have more. They can be assured of a warm, Jewish welcome."

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KEY POLITICAL figures in the Territories closely followed the recent elections in Israel. Not only moderates, but also many who had previously denied any difference between the Likud and the Alignment, nevertheless hoped in their heart of hearts that Labour would win. Only thus, they reasoned, could there be a thaw in the freeze that set in when the autonomy talks were halted.

The outcome of the Lebanese campaign also contributed in no small part to this sense of expectation. Before the campaign, the PLO chieftains had ruled the Territories from Beirut.

Employing a vast number of agencies and institutions, and aided by millions of dollars, the PLO had managed to pervade the day-to-day existence of residents throughout the Territories. Dignitaries became accustomed to the periodic pilgrimages to Beirut, where their intrigues against each other could be acted out, where their policies could be rubber-stamped and where the funds to fuel their institutions and line their pockets could be obtained.

The obliteration of the PLO infrastructure in Lebanon and the dispersion of its members throughout the Arab world removed the hot and heavy breath of Big Brother from the backs of Palestinians in the Territories.

At the least, the PLO no longer dictated political behaviour there, sniping away at those who even faintly strayed from the official line.

WITHOUT JUSTIFYING the continuing war in Lebanon, or the awkwardness that has come to characterize our relationship with its peoples, one thing is abundantly clear — a change of great magnitude has occurred in terms of the PLO's hold over the population of the Territories.

Briefly put, the PLO's sudden

Search for a dialogue

By ZVILPELEG

departure from Lebanon removed the fears that many felt about expressing support for a political solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Lebanese campaign alone ensured that at the start of 1983, demonstrators would actually shout out "Yes to Camp David" and "Yes to Peace." And only after the PLO's back had been broken in Lebanon could West Bank leaders have called on Yasser Arafat not to surrender to rejectionist elements in his midst without fear of immediate punishment for such hubris at the hands of Habash and Jibril.

Arafat himself, on perceiving the strong support in the Territories for a political accommodation with Israel, twice warned — once in Tunis and again in Algiers — that the PLO's failure to heed the winds of change would result in the loss of its foothold in the West Bank and Gaza.

BUT DESPITE the war and its effects on the PLO and on the political climate in the Territories, expectations of a political accommodation, harboured on both sides of the Green Line, have failed to reach fruition. The following factors have been chiefly responsible for this:

Concurrent with the PLO's exit from Beirut, it appeared — if various utterances by Arafat and his henchmen are to be taken seriously — that the PLO was on the brink of opting for a political solution to its problem. And it was clear that such a step would effect the departure of those rejectionist elements acting at the behest of Syria and Libya.

Arafat, while en route to Egypt, negotiating in Amman and issuing

moderate statements in Tunisia, basked in a surfeit of supportive statements emanating from the Territories. Prominent West Bank and Gaza figures called on him to convene the Palestine National Council and to vote decisively for a political solution.

At the beginning of 1983, the PNC, for the umpteenth time, opted for its own continued existence over any concrete steps towards a solution. This, in the Territories, engendered disappointment and frustration.

Had the PNC opted for a political solution instead, Jordan would have assumed a central role in the subsequent process — that, in fact, was the main objective discussed by King Hussein and Arafat. And, in a singular negative response to such an outcome, the curtain went up upon the rejectionist choir, with Syrian President Hafez Assad holding the conductor's baton.

Hussein, who is already experienced at erecting political structures on the ruins of the PLO (as in 1972, when he proposed his federation plan following Black September), renewed his ambition of achieving hegemony over the West Bank at the start of 1984. When Arafat backed away in the face of opposition from his own ranks, Hussein convened the parliament representing both banks of the Jordan. The significance of this particular policy initiative lay in the implied rejection of the Rabat resolutions of a decade ago.

As he did during the early Seventies, Hussein again exploited the PLO's weakness with an eye to furthering a fundamental objective of his regime: its own return to the West Bank, with a secondary role for the PLO purged of its radicals.

OF PARTICULAR significance in this connection had been the renewal of relations between Jordan and Egypt. This symbolizes Hussein's determination to again wrest for himself a central role in the solution of the Palestinian problem and in the future of the West Bank.

Israel might well have encouraged this positive trend originating in the Territories. It was as if political figures there had set two choices before the PLO, newly floundering in its own disarray. Those choices: to direct its goals along political lines or to accept the emergence of an independent Palestinian leadership in the Territories.

During my own discussions with prominent figures in the Territories, I received background on the recent transformation in the conceptions of the political community there.

Firstly, that community had despaired at the passive stance assumed by the Arab states while the PLO was throttled in Beirut and the rest of Lebanon. It again realized that, when push comes to shove in the Middle East, it was a matter of every man for himself — and the Palestinians be damned! They have

no one but themselves to count on.

Secondly, they are the people who are living under occupation — not the politicians engaged in power struggles, at times serving the interests of Arab rulers and, more often than not, simply swimming in the flood of funds that flow out of the wealthy oil states.

Thirdly, the PLO did indeed fulfil a vital role in Palestinian history — in its struggles it snatched Palestinians from the jaws of defeats, restored their shattered pride and gave them a measure of status in Middle Eastern society.

But clearly the military option has been exhausted and, without a shift in political direction, the burden of continuing the sterile military struggle would be borne by the people living under occupation, and by them alone.

Fourthly, they believe that if the PLO is ill-prepared to assume a political role, local leaders — fully backed by Jordan — would be glad to do so instead.

"We're already grown up," one prominent West Bank personality told me. "We have our own members of parliament, even our own former ministers. There's no question that we know how to represent ourselves."

And finally, in contradiction to the conditions endured by Palestinians in Arab states — compelled, as they are, to live according to the whim of their reluctant hosts — *dawka* here, under Israeli rule, they enjoy a modicum of political leeway. Here, they have a Palestinian press — even a radical press — and political and

economic organizations and institutions that act as they see fit.

Why not use this freedom to cultivate a leadership that will be able — when the situation permits — to negotiate on behalf of the million- and-a-quarter residents of the Territories?

Add to these factors another pressing concern among the Palestinians of the Territories: when no one else is listening, they will tell you that they are not terribly eager to come under the thumb of those "heroes" of the Palestinian revolution who graduated from the academies of Jibril and Hawatmeh. They know only too well the sordid details concerning the treatment afforded the Palestinians of 1948 by the PLO members who arrived in Lebanon during the Seventies — they were arrested, humiliated, beaten and robbed.

HOW DID ISRAEL respond to this attempt by leaders in the Territories to wriggle out of the custodianship of their PLO mentors?

Israel should have encouraged the possibility of a dialogue with representatives of the Territories, in fact, the opposite occurred.

To those intellectuals who tried to organize along the lines of an Arab version of Peace Now, the not-so-subtle message was: "Cease and desist!" New generation politicians who attempted to establish the "Democratic Movement for Peace," while challenging the PLO and formulating a new Palestinian Covenant calling for peaceful coexistence, were silenced outright.

The Israeli authorities informed them they would be encouraged only if their activities remained limited in scope to the mundane — the inauguration of new clinics, roads and kindergartens. But as for the political future of the Territories, the less

said the better.

Those local figures who accepted the advice now enjoy complete freedom in the realm of daily affairs, backed entirely by the Israeli administration and, in fact, sustained entirely by it. But those who stood their ground, demanding the right to constitute an alternative to the PLO, have been unceremoniously forced out.

They're bitter. And they've concluded that the former Israeli government did, in fact, prefer the radical leadership, backed by the terror groups, because it could then justify its policies by claiming there really wasn't anyone out there to talk to.

We, they say, the opponents of terror, the ones favouring coexistence and the ones who want to talk peace — we were perceived by the former government as a nuisance. Before the elections, we watched the polls and earnestly hoped for the victory of the Alignment.

THE QUESTION they are now asking is whether someone in the current government is willing to encourage those elements seeking a dialogue? Or will time run out and will the PLO undergo a revitalization, returning to its policy of threats and torpedoing any movement towards accommodation?

And the question Jewish Israelis should be asking is whether they themselves would create the conditions whereby a dialogue becomes possible rather than having that dialogue — preconditions, rather — foisted on them by outside powers?

Jordan's latest moves, including King Hussein's tough speech this week, appear to be tailor-made to tighten precisely those screws against Israel.

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Three weeks of failure

By YOSEF GOELL

a sieve from its first meetings and which had quickly become an arena for vicious personal battles among ministers, whom Begin was unable to control.

It took slightly longer — about two years — to discover the magnitude of the economic catastrophe engineered by Reb Simcha, whose ministrations had brought about Israel's first experience of three-digit inflation. Everything since has been going downhill.

IN THE SPATE of Rosh Hashana interviews Prime Minister Peres granted to the media, he came over as somewhat philosophically remote when he referred to the serious economic crisis "in which we find ourselves."

This is about as far as one can get from the straight talk to which we are entitled from our premier in such times.

The serious economic crisis is neither an act of God nor a plague of nature; it was man-made, not so much by the populace, which was living it up irresponsibly but delectably as long as the living was good, as by its leaders who, for their own selfish reasons, refused to put an end to the economic orgy.

It was not at all clear last March whether former finance minister Yigal Cohen-Orad would indeed manage to turn the economy around from the brink of the abyss. He had missed a golden opportunity when he came into office last October, but there were some signs that he was making slow progress.

Even then, the likelihood was that a cabinet marked by political cowardice and narrow particularistic interests would have undone him in

the end. But what is certain is that the early elections spelled an end to any chance of tackling the urgent economic problems before a new government was formed.

THE LABOUR-LIKUD government which was installed in office only three weeks ago seemed to be taking over from where Cohen-Orad gave up last March, when he was compelled to take part in a repeat of Arik's 1981 election-time economics. At its first session, the cabinet adopted two foundation blocks of a painful but rational policy of stopping the economy literally at the brink of the abyss: a massive cut in deficit government spending, to the tune of \$1b.; and the conclusion of a package agreement with the Histadrut which would be based on a partial suspension of the cost of living supplements. The latter has safeguarded Israelis against the ravages of three-digit inflation but has also been a major cause of the continuous inflationary spiral.

It is generally agreed that the long-term solution to our economic ills is a resumption of economic growth, progressing with the modernization of our industrial base, and a determined coming to grips with the problem of management and labour productivity.

In the short term, however, treatment must be determined by the nature of the disease, which is protracted and ever-growing government and private overexpansion, beyond what even munificent foreign aid could cover. The short-term remedy is painfully obvious: cutting

down on the public and private standards of spending and living.

Three weeks ago Sunday, the new government seemed to be going in that direction. But since then it has suffered a major weakening of its resolve. The budget will not be cut by more than a fraction of the minimum target of \$1b.; and all hopes of a package deal for the purpose of cutting personal incomes by a suspension of the indexation of wages have been abandoned.

THE MOST APT one-word statement of the week was that made by the old-new director-general of the Treasury, Dr. Emanuel Sharon, who, when asked what is required from the government today, answered, "resolution."

What we are seeing instead is a failure of resolution and the sort of noisy confusion at the top that was so characteristic of the feckless Begin and Shamir cabinets.

The reasons and method behind the madness and confusion of the past three weeks is now clear. Prime Minister Peres and his Labour ministers refused to force a package deal on their colleagues in the Histadrut, who are faced with elections next spring.

Herut's Deputy Prime Minister David Levy opposed a packaged deal for the same reason: his own hopes of wresting control of the Histadrut from the hands of Labour in those elections.

On the matter of the budget cuts, Prime Minister Peres has, to date, simply not had the political clout or the will to force meaningful reduc-

tions on his ministers. Nor has Finance Minister Moda'i had such authority. The result has been a replaying of the comic-opera aspects of the former Likud government's repeated decisions to make similar budget cuts doing nothing whatever to implement them.

The frenetic events of the past week, which most economists believe will have a negative effect on Israel's economic situation, can be explained in even simpler terms. They are intended solely to make an impression on Prime Minister Peres' American hosts during his forthcoming visit to Washington.

There is reason to believe that such a practised economist as Secretary of State George Shultz will not buy the flimflam.

For the Israeli public, which is less sophisticated, it will take longer to wake up to what is happening. It will discover after a few months that the failure of nerve entailed in keeping the cost of living agreements sacrosanct will have led to a completely uncontrollable erosion of incomes.

IT IS CUSTOMARY to grant all new governments a 100-day period of grace. Certainly it is an unreasonable custom at a time when an inflation rate of 400 per cent is being pushed up to 800 per cent and

perhaps even to more than 1,000 per cent, as a result of misguided government policy.

The verdict for the first three weeks of the 100 days must be "failure due to loss of nerve and political cowardice."

It need not be a final verdict. If Peres returns from Washington disappointed, as he should be, he will still have time to ponder whether it would not be preferable to get back on the right track.

The trouble is that, if the Peres of the Rosh Hashana interviews is to be believed, his determination to work 20-hour days leaves little time or energy for such ponderings. Maybe he should use the Day of Reckoning, tomorrow's Yom Kippur for that.

In any case, a large part of the public will be hurt. This is unavoidable. The real tragedy will be if we are compelled to suffer to no purpose.

It is imperative that as members of that public we have a clear perception of where responsibility lies. We have just lived through a government in which the prime minister and defence minister, one through abominable poor judgement, the other through bullying megalomania, were responsible for the death of close to 600 Israeli soldiers and the wounding of an additional 3,000 to no purpose.

It is the same government whose minister of finance was directly responsible for the dizzying collapse of the national economy, and who still has the *hutzpa* to sulk over being

excluded from the present cabinet.

Menachem Begin was man of conscience enough to punish himself for his failure. Ariel Sharon and Yoram Arikor are somewhat thicker-skinned. It is essential for our own political health that the names Begin, Sharon and Arikor be emblazoned not only in the fleeting record of newspaper columns but in high-school history textbooks as being personally responsible for major national calamities.

It is equally essential that our new political leaders keep these precedents in mind when they are similarly tempted to shirk their responsibilities for the basic well-being of the nation.

WE ARE MORE THAN 10 years into a new era in Israeli politics in which the former leaders were driven from office by an enraged people. This was the fate of Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan in the wake of the Yom Kippur War.

And basically, this is what befell Begin, Sharon and Arikor, though Sharon, like the late Moshe Dayan, is attempting a comeback.

Peres, Moda'i, Ya'acobi, et al. should be profoundly aware that a similar fate may well lie in store for them in the very near future if the non-policy they have chosen as an alternative to a painful but comprehensive policy leads to needless public suffering.

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ONE OF THE high points of the Yom Kippur liturgy, and for many worshippers virtually the high point, is the part which tells how on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur it will be decided what is to happen to us in the New Year ahead of us.

On Rosh Hashana it is inscribed and on Yom Kippur it is sealed: How many shall leave this world and how many shall be born into it, who shall live and who shall die, who shall fulfil his quota of years and who shall not, who shall perish by fire and who by water, who by sword and who by beast, who by hunger and who by thirst, who by earthquake and who by plague, who by strangling and who by stoning, who shall rest and who shall wander, who shall be at peace and who shall be tormented, who shall be impoverished and who shall become rich, who shall be lowered and who shall be raised.

This prayer, sung in a moving tone, instils the fear of the unexpected, yet very possible tragedies that may come upon us. It causes many a worshipper to tremble or shed tears. The impact of the text, however, is not in this part of the prayer, but rather in its conclusion: *Uteshuva uzevaka mu'avirin et roa hazevaka*. (But penitence, prayer and charity avert the severity of the decree) customarily recited in a loud voice. This teaches us that a person should not sit back awaiting with fatalistic resignation what the future may have in store for him. Judaism does not believe in an unchangeable *mo'ra* determined by the stars: it is within our power to shape our own future. Even if we are not sure of the results of our effort, we must at least try to do what we can, we must act. The formula for action is clearly prescribed: penitence, prayer and charity.

TESHUVA, OF COURSE, means penitence or repentance, but in sim-

Formula for action

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ple Hebrew it also means: answer, reply. When the telephone operator informs us that there is "no *teshuva*" from Mr. X, "X" does not mean to tell us that Mr. X has done wrong. The same applies when we complain that we have received no *teshuva* to a letter written to some government office. What we mean is simply that we received no reply, no response, to our telephone call or to our letter.

According to Torah, man (and woman, of course) has been created as a free and responsible being. Free to act and responsible, i.e. responsible, to defend his action, to stand behind it as a free being should. This, alas, is not the case in the early history of mankind as related in the Bible. Adam disobeys God's order by eating from the forbidden tree, and when God addresses him, calling "Ayeka, where are you?" Adam does not have the guts to come forward and assume responsibility. He hides when he hears God's voice, then shifts the guilt to the woman (this too is, as we know, a not unfamiliar trick). Eve in her turn is also not responsible. She passes the buck to the serpent.

The same situation repeats itself in the first murder in the history of mankind. Brother murders brother. Why? It is hard to find mitigating circumstances for this murder. Cain could not have had a deprived childhood or a poor education. Yet when asked by God: "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain, just like Adam his forbear, shirks responsibility: "I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?" Of course you are, if you are a truly free and responsible human

being. Then again Noah, "A righteous person in his (corrupt) generations." When told that God is about to destroy the world by flood, he does not demonstrate the slightest measure of responsibility. He enters his private "fall-out shelter," not caring that the rest of the world goes under. Throughout the story of Noah, we do not hear him utter one word. God warns him, threatens him, compliments him — and Noah does not respond at all. There is no *teshuva*, no reply.

IT IS ONLY when Abraham appears on the scene that we begin to hear man's *teshuva*, his responsibility to God and to the world around him. Twenty generations pass before we hear a human response to God's call, "Where are you?" which went unheeded. Abraham responds to God's call, saying: "Hineini, Here I am." Not once, but three times in the same chapter he repeats this answer (Gen. 22:1,7,11).

Again, "when Abraham hears his brother's was taken captive (ibid. 14:14) he immediately rushes to rescue him. That is Abraham's response to his predecessor's "Am I my brother's keeper?" Abraham proves that a person is indeed his brother's keeper. Although Lot was not his blood brother, only his brother's son, Abraham felt responsibility for him, and did not return home until he had rescued him from captivity.

Again, when told (Gen. 18) that God is about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, two sinful cities, Abra-

ham does not rest in self-righteous tranquility, but gets into heated arguments with God in a desperate attempt to save the vicious people of Sodom. He feels responsible for them too.

Abraham thus represents the response to the three earlier historical shortcomings, those of Adam, Cain and Noah. *Teshuva*, responsibility, is what marks the life of Abraham and will avert the "severe decree" from his descendants.

Tefila, likewise, is not to be rendered only as prayer. The Hebrew root of the word *ptl* connotes judgment, and its conjugation means self-judgment. In *tefila*, a person presents himself before God to be judged for his doings and oversights. God, the "Judge of all the universe," is calling man to his duties. When man responds in *tefila*, he demonstrates responsibility.

Zedaka, the third of the three saving graces which avert the severe decree, could be rendered not only as charity, but also as justice. In Jewish tradition, acts of charity are not voluntary but the implementing of justice, the demonstration of responsibility for the poor and the deprived.

Teshuva, *tefila*, and *zedaka* — all three actually add up to one requirement, which we are reminded and called upon to fulfil on Yom Kippur: responsibility — response-ability, being able to respond to God, as well as to our inner being and to our fellow humans. Upon the successful fulfilment of those three depends the final sealing of our decree for the coming 12 months, the *halima tova* for a good and happy year.

The Torah reading for Shabbat, Yom Kippur, is from Leviticus 16 and 18. The Haftara is Isaiah 57:14-58:16 and the book of Jonah. Rabbi Peli is professor of Jewish thought and literature at Ben-Gurion University.

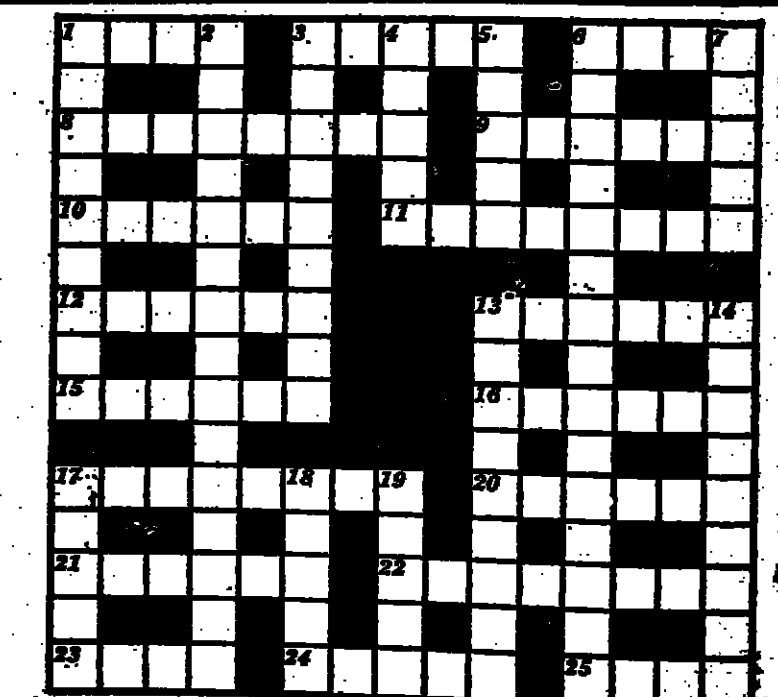
TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Those who want drink to turn them on! (4)
- Book monks found in it (5)
- Walk through the garden! (4)
- They were against the Crusaders going to the Holy Land (6)
- Leave to keep a small picture of one in here (6)
- Put wire round these tools (6)
- It's hard to see the point of living in such a location (6)
- Earn one to survive—quick! (6)
- Ship in a bottle of this? Schooner, perhaps (6)
- Art? The new one is a danger (6)
- Some of the goldenrod—once small! (6)
- Found the way to produce metal like this (4-4)
- Sort of drum that whistles, maybe? (8)
- Undesirable to send one to home like this! (6)
- Had help from the doctor dressed in white afterwards (8)
- Old means of measuring the fish they catch (4)
- Drops in here, the gardeners' work-places (5)
- Tax that's paid as moral or legal obligation (4)

DOWN

- One who tries to fly? Quite the other thing! (4-5)
- Give orders, but only in play (5, 10)
- It's an inadvertent error, destroying this grove (8)
- Records their shape (5)
- Venerated, we hear, apart from the saints (5)
- View the mudman bringing it! (7, 8)
- Horrible death—it's regarded with abhorrence (5)
- How down the legs, from top to bottom (8)
- Now, it will be arriving tomorrow, won't it? (9)
- Detectives take the Queen a drink (5)
- Years around getting money for the Borough Treasurer (5)
- Good for Frenchmen to rise and back to the Spanish; very lofty (5)



'Quickie'

ACROSS

- Musical group (4)
- Schemes (5)
- Goes on one leg (4)
- Views (8)
- Very small wave (6)
- Remove from writing, etc. (6)
- Thought probable (8)
- Fired from bows (6)
- Mother, or father (6)
- Made noise like a snake (8)
- Sign (6)
- Musical instrument (8)
- Accompany another (6)
- A quick look (8)
- Quite nicely (8)
- Rip (4)
- Prophecy (5)
- He holds a party (4)

DOWN

- Mass slaughter (9)
- Priestly play (9, 6)
- Prepared, as peas (9)
- Desert water-hole (5)
- Length of leather (5)

Yesterday's Solutions

SILVER	ACROSS	DOWN
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
25	26	27

Quick Solution
ACROSS: 5. Quire, 8. Practice, 9. Slave, 10. Dogmatic, 11. Wreck, 12. Net, 13. Unsurprised, 14. Opened, 15. Vibe, 16. Bristle, 17. Abruptly, 18. Answer, 19. Spade, 20. Carve, 21. Stench, 22. Downright, 23. Reviewer, 24. Extraneous, 25. Suburban, 26. New, 27. Tor, 28. Bereft.

Shares

ENGLISH

Order

COUNTRY

USA, GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, FRANCE, HOLLAND, SWITZERLAND, DENMARK, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, JAPAN

Money Matters

Shares weak; bonds up: volume low

Another lackluster day's trading yesterday rounded out a week of dull, boring and simply tedious activity on the stock exchange. The general features are quickly summarized: Low volume, no public participation and most shares and bonds drifting aimlessly, with shares moving mostly lower while bonds made some progress to the upside.

Against this background, the few interesting developments stand out all the more clearly. The weekly statistics for the share market show the General Share Index as gaining 0.64 per cent on the week - certainly a respectable performance, even nowadays. However, this figure comprises two totally different components. The "free" share market was almost entirely unchanged over the week, rising by 0.38 per cent. The gains were all concentrated, then, in one small but important sector - the "arrangement" group of bank shares.

These shares, perhaps celebrating the first anniversary of the dramatic, and by now infamous, collapse of the "old-style" bank shares on October 6, 1983, put on no less the 13.88 per cent in the course of the week. This is well in excess of even the most pessimistic inflation expectations for the week in October and also considerably ahead of the 6 per cent revaluation so far this week, or 7.8 per cent if today's shekel move may be anticipated.

Even after these gains, the yields on the bank "share/bonds," using the October 1988 redemption date, is in the region of 16-17 per cent and still very high. The rises this week were, in the opinion of some analysts, an attempt by some investors to diversify their dollar-linked holdings somewhat, as rumours of a move against *patron* accounts proliferate, and in the view of others, a reaction to the falls of last week, when many small investors sold shares to redeposit the funds in bank savings schemes.

ELITE SOARS
There is one other sub-sector that stands out in the list of the week's moves. This is the food division of the industrial sector. Here, it was not a group of shares that caused the move, but one single issue - that of Elite. Thus, while the food group added more than 24 per cent on the week, Elite shares zoomed ahead by a clear 50 per cent, moving from 5280 to 7890.

The explanation for this phenomenon is unclear. The latest government moves to restrict imports of chocolate, for example, will undoubtedly benefit Elite, but the

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share had been advancing strongly for some time before the news of the ban became known. Of course, it is perfectly possible that insiders at Elite and/or at the banks or in the government had an inkling of the intention to introduce the import ban and they began buying, or tipped off others who themselves bought.

In any event, the smell given off by this conjunction of events is not that of sweets and chocolates, and the stock exchange authorities can be expected to look into the chain of developments surrounding the meteoric rise of Elite share in the last few weeks, and particularly in the last few days.

Apart from the bank shares and Elite, as noted, the rest of the share market was featureless. The bond market, likewise, lacked any form of interest, although on the last two sessions of the week bonds managed to make gains of about 1.5 per cent daily, and thus regain some of the ground they are losing to inflation with every passing day.

Announcements:
Sahar Development and Investments, the parent of the Sahar insurance firm, announced that in its rights issue completed this week, 165.7 million shares were acquired by shareholders exercising their rights, with the remaining 20.5m. being picked up, perforce, by the underwriters. A further 8m. shares were issued to the company's employees. Total proceeds to Sahar from the rights issue were just over \$31 billion.

Independence Mortgage Bank notified the exchange that Swan Finance Corporation exercised the option that it had and sold its 26 per cent stake in Independence to the First International Bank. The latter paid \$32 billion, being the original amount paid by Swan, with linkage to the dollar and interest.

As a result of this purchase First International's stake in Independence has increased to 77 per cent of the equity and voting power. 51 per cent of this is held by Merav, the main First International mortgage bank subsidiary, and 26 per cent is held now by the bank itself.

Vitalgo Textile Works announced that it had received from its insurers an additional \$450,000 as a final payment for all its claims arising out of the fire at the firm's plant on April 5, 1983. In total, Vitalgo has received \$3,655,000 and the company noted that, since it was fully insured against fire and loss of profits, it suffered no damage or losses as a result of the fire.

Technological Resources informed the exchange that on October 2 the company received a judgment in the case brought against it and Trading Resources, whereby the two companies were obliged to pay to the claimants \$548,200, plus linkage and interest from September 3, and costs of \$170,000. The temporary foreclosure on the companies' property was upheld. Technological Resources has 30 days to appeal this decision.

The claim against the company stems from its guarantee to Trading Resources concerning the sale of shares of Ararat insurance company to Trading Resources. Technological Resources claims that this guarantee had lapsed by the date in question.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices	
General Share Index	410.62 -0.19%
Non-bank Index	276.66 -0.40%
Bank Index	504.67 -0.11%
Industrial	322.63 -0.26%
Bond Index	342.93 +1.62%

Turnovers

Shares	IS966.2m.
Bonds	IS1034.6m.
Advances	112
Declines	28
of which 5% +	63
of which 5% -	11
"Buyers only"	12
"Sellers only"	12

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked:	Stable/Rises to 3%
3% fully-linked:	Stable/Rises to 3%
90% linked:	Rises to 6%
Double-option:	Stable/Rises to 3%
Dollar-linked:	Stable/Rises to 6%

Most Active Shares

Shares	IS966.2m.	n.c.
Hapolim	IS1070	IS106.5m.
IDB	1620	IS55.0m.
Spinnerys op.	22	-6
M.G.N. op.	25	-15
Intergroup	25	+8.5

Sharpest Moves

Shares	IS966.2m.	n.c.
Hapolim	IS1070	IS106.5m.
IDB	1620	IS55.0m.

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Change	%
OHFI	3640	13	+0.36
Maritime 0.1	1800	32	+1.8
Maritime 0.5	538	6.1	+1.1
General non-arr.	3034	61	+2.0
N. American 1	2080	25	+1.2
N. American 5	1565	116	+7.5
N. American op	1262	26	+2.1
Danot 1	323	-	-
Danot 5	78	1543	+2.6
Danot 5.2	184	70	+3.8
First Int 0.5	474	504	+10.6
First Int 1.5	383	985	+25.6

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

Bank	Price	Change	%
IDB 1	16050	529	+3.3
IDB 5	16200	4	+0.02
IDB 5.2	102600	+400	+0.4
Union 0.1	12052	234	+1.9
Union 0.5	21500	44	+0.2
Discount B	20550	237	+1.2
Discount B.2	1385	+50	+3.6
Discount B.5	6385	1042	+16.3
Mizrahi B	6220	35	+0.6
Mizrahi C 9	3045	89	+2.9

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Price	Change	%
Adanim 0.1	1410	5	+0.4
Adanim 0.5	1224	19	+1.6
Adanim 0.5.2	1280	36	+2.8
Carmel 1	1270	16	+1.3
Carmel deb	496	165	+33.3
Buyas 1	840	15	+1.8
Buyas 5	475	50	+10.5
Mishkan 1	1395	25	+1.8
Independence	899	133	+15.0
Tefahot 1	1450	-	-
Tefahot deb. 1	1280	40	+3.1
Tefahot deb. 2	643	217	+33.9
Jaysour 1	198	103	+52.0
Jaysour 5	153	2	+1.3
Jaysour op	520	223	+42.9
Merav 1	520	223	+42.9

Financial Institutions

Bank	Price	Change	%
Shikun 1	125	508	+401.6
Shikun 5	1440	-	-
Shikun 5.2	1580	-	-
Shikun 5.5	3490	2	+0.06
Shikun 5.8	971	7	+0.7
Shikun 6	1002	-	-
Shikun 6.2	424504	-	-
Shikun 6.5	486000	-	-
Shikun 6.8	450000	-	-
Shikun 7	442788	-	-
Shikun 7.2	415669	-	-
Shikun 7.5	3768	-	-
Shikun 7.8	377	50	+13.3
Shikun 8	225	10	+4.4
Shikun 8.2	2900	43	+1.5

Insurance

Company	Price	Change	%
Aryeh 1	553	b.o.1	+26.4
Aryeh 5	281	44	+15.7
Aryeh deb	7075	-	-
Ararat 0.1	630	5	+0.8
Ararat 0.5	249	292	+116.9
Ararat 0.5.2	790	-	-
Ararat 0.5.5	185	35	+19.5
Ararat 0.5.8	95	16	+16.8
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Ararat 0.6.2	1945	266	+13.7
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Ararat 0.9.2	640	474	+74.1
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Ararat 0.9.8	152	152	+100.0
Ararat 1.0	209	74	+35.4

Trade and Services

Company	Price	Change	%
Inter-Gamma 1	545	84	+15.4
Inter-Gamma 5	178	8	+4.5
Inter-Gam. op	55	306	+556.4
Meir Ezra 1	650	7	+1.1
Meir Ezra op	443	-	-
Teia 1	176	s.o.2	+9.9
Teia 5	121	98	+80.9
Clal Trade	298	218	+73.1
Crystal 1	220	50	+22.7
Rapac 0.1	3727	1	+0.03
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Supersol 2	2051	25	+1.2
Supersol B 10	905	126	+14.0

Services

Company	Price	Change	%
Harel 1	2400	143	+6.0
Harel 5	2192	5	+0.2
Harel 5.2	1143	-	-
Lighterage 0.1	1377	31	+2.3
Lighterage 0.5	770	45	+6.0
Gold Store 0.1	17450	-	-
Gold Store 1	8590	-	-
Israel Elec. 1	882	-	-
Bond Ware 0.1	566	-	-
Bond Ware 0.5	341	16	+4.7
Consort Hold 1	249	200	+80.3
Consort 0.5	130	105	+80.8
Consort op A	118	s.o.1	+6.8
Kopel 1	470	-	-
Kopel op	304	-	-

Gates, Tourism

Company	Price	Change	%
Gates Zohar 1	no trading	-	-
Gates Zohar 5	no trading	-	-
Dan Hotels 1	399	50	+12.5

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Change	%
Dan Hotels 5	231	-	-
Coral Beach	324	93	+28.7
Kenes	610	6	+1.0
Yarden Hotel	615	21	+3.4
Yarden Hotel 5	278	5	+1.8
Yahalom 1	112	134	+120.5
Yahalom op	120	-	-

Computers

Company	Price	Change	%
Dan 1	337	20	+6.0
Hilom 1	970	-	-
Hilom 5	1401	-	-
Hilom 5.2	439	75	+17.1
Y.ane op	310	20	+6.5
Clal Comp.	568	3	+0.5
Clal Comp. op	322	3	+0.9
M.L.L. 1	1340	12	+0.9
M.L.L. 5	570	-	-
M.L.L. op	306	-	-
Mashov	220	42	+19.1
Nikuv 1	396	19	+4.8
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adar 1	350	2	+18	+5.4	Sai
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A chaotic unity

FINANCE MINISTER Yitzhak Moda'i has told the nation that the coming year will be a difficult one. That is something the public knows without being told, but it is appropriate for the Finance Minister to state the truth bluntly. Better that than mindless platitudes and slogans to which our politicians, including Mr. Moda'i himself, are accustomed.

It was precisely the awareness of economic crisis and the need for painful remedies that led to the establishment of the national unity government in the first place. Fig leaves, therefore, are not necessary.

But what the public did not expect from such a government, at least not so soon, was the rampant self-recrimination to which we have become witness. It is as if the ministers themselves are desirous of taking over the role of the press and the Knesset opposition in criticizing the decisions—principally the economic decisions—taken or proposed.

Such public censure from within the Cabinet severely undermines public confidence. It makes the task of governance all the more difficult, and that task in Israel's circumstance is difficult enough.

The truth is that such divisive libertarianism in government did not suddenly emerge with this Cabinet. In Israel's early days there were also divisions, but they were kept from public view, fought out within so that in the end the Cabinet could present a unified position.

Under Mr. Eshkol the cracks began to be exposed. The process continued under Mrs. Meir, though her stern matronly presence did not permit it to get out of hand.

Paradoxically it was during the tenure of Mr. Begin, who held the nation so firmly in his grip, that mutual public recrimination by ministers went beyond control. Mr. Begin did little to stop it.

As a result there has been a long negative learning process at the Cabinet table.

The national unity government, balanced as it is between the two big parties, provides even greater scope for such lack of discipline. Mr. Peres cannot easily bring the Likud ministers to order just as Mr. Shamir cannot expect to silence Labour critics. Moreover, this condition also makes it difficult for them to impose discipline upon ministers from their own parties.

The consequence is that one minister proposes, the other disposes, but especially to public display.

Moreover the same Likud ministers who yesterday were responsible for plunging the country into its economic crisis, feel no compunctions in strutting the public stage to prescribe and proscribe. Good taste let alone good sense would dictate more humility. But since our electoral system and the balance of power between the two parties renders them immune from any sort of accountability they are free to say what they please for any end that they please.

This is the chaotic circumstance in which Mr. Peres must bring his government to devise a coherent economic strategy embracing the Histadrut and the private sector. For some years it has been recognized that this can only be achieved with a unity government. What was not sufficiently realized was that a unity government also releases its own mechanisms blocking that goal.

But presumably good sense will prevail in the end, if for no other reason than that the country has no alternative.

YOM KIPPUR

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The Israel Defence Forces chaplaincy corps has set up dozens of temporary synagogues at installations in South Lebanon, and instructions have been published on how to fast under field conditions.

Residents of the administered territories will not be permitted to leave their areas between 3 p.m. today and the end of Yom Kippur tomorrow, the IDF spokesman said yesterday.

In preparation for Yom Kippur, Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliash yesterday visited patients at Jerusalem's Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital. The rabbis called upon those injured in last week's IDF helicopter crash and one officer told the rabbis that he attributed the relative lightness of his injuries to the fact that he carried the prayer for travellers in one pocket and a book of Psalms in the other.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres also visited the IDF injured yesterday afternoon.

The police have asked the public to be on special guard for suspicious objects at synagogues and other public places and to report them to the authorities.

Israel TV will be off the air today and will resume broadcasting tomorrow at 8 p.m. Radio broadcasts end today at 2:20 p.m. and resume tomorrow at 6:58 p.m. An emergency radio team will be on duty.

Hotel guests who are not fasting can make special arrangements for meals.

Ben-Gurion Airport will close today at 3 p.m. and reopen tomorrow at 8 p.m. Yom Kippur is the only day of the year on which the airport closes, and only emergency control tower and ground crews will be present.

SOCIAL UNREST

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sure, it "in a year or two will be unable to pay interest on its foreign debts."

"Although more than half of Israel's \$24 billion debt is in relatively friendly hands—the U.S. government and holders of Israel Bonds—a loan default would require international negotiations," the report said. "And these would doubtless lead to belt-tightening measures so intolerable to many Israelis—who are used to a steadily rising standard of living—as to threaten the stability of Washington's closest ally in the Middle East."

Communications Minister and Shinui leader Amnon Rubinstein was quoted saying: "There will be unemployment, social unrest and ev-

everything that attends austerity. There will probably be some violence. We hope it can be avoided."

This Journal report, U.S. and Israeli officials said, is likely to further damage Israel's international credit rating. In recent months, there have been many other damaging articles in banking and business publications.

Professor Stanley Fisher, a member of Secretary of State George Shultz's special advisory task force on the Israeli economy, said Israel's budget cuts need to be at least as big as Israel's current-account deficit to do any good. Last year, the deficit in Israel's current account, the balance sheet reflecting the payments for goods and services and the dividends and interest on investments, was \$2.2b.

FATAH

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last Saturday, was sought by the police.

The bomb went off shortly after 11 a.m. local time tearing the automobile, a small Honda Civic, to shreds, tossing chunks of metal into the air and smashing window panes in neighbouring buildings.

The Israeli Embassy occupying the two top floors of the six-storey building fronting on the capital's main shopping and business street, Makarios Avenue, was completely undamaged, according to a police spokesman and the embassy staff.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry spokesman Dan Ashbel said no one in the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia was wounded.

Ashbel said the explosion occurred in the internal parking lot of the building. He said there appeared to be no damage to the embassy itself. He did not know which floor the embassy was on.

MUBARAK

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a conference "should lead to important results that can be announced afterward. Such a meeting should produce practical steps to push forward the Middle East peace process."

"Its results should include concrete actions regarding the Palestinian problem, Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and the Taba issue."

Political observers speculated that Mubarak's rejection of a summit with Peres may have been partly motivated by a desire to curry favour with Arab countries opposed to Egypt's treaty with Israel and get more of them to restore relations with Cairo.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali met yesterday with Israel's Ambassador to Cairo Moshe Sasson. The meeting was described by Sasson as "routine." Gali Zahal radio reported.

NEW MEN—OLD MORALS?

By DAVID LANDAU

THE DRIVER of the *naknik* (IDF slang for tanker-truck) jumped down from his cab, hair, beard, open shirt blowing in the hot wind, a stream of Arabic curses pouring from his lips, echoing through the valley.

The object of his ill wishes—a pimply young military policeman—replied without malice, as he continued laboriously to write out the ticket. Wearing the plastic inner lining of a helmet, as the driver had been doing, could not be construed as conforming to the regulations. These required that drivers, and indeed their passengers, wear the full helmet, properly buckled under their chins.

"You blankety-blank punk," the driver exclaimed. "What do you know anyway? I've been doing this run to Lake Karoun for two years..." The punk protested that he, too, had been serving in Lebanon for a good long while, and had seen road injuries prevented by the correct wearing of helmets.

The argument ebbed back and forth, the soldiers at the roadblock contributing their thoughts and observations, too. And meanwhile, stretching back as far as the eye could see in both directions from the narrow junction, the queue of cars grew.

Heat shimmered off roofs. Sweating faces peered through windows. Children crying. Women sighing. Some men's eyes flashing hatred; others emanating cowed resignation.

"As far as the eye could see" is the key phrase here. For the Israeli's eyes seemed unseeing. Neither the driver, whose truck blocked the road, nor the policeman who had stopped him there, nor the soldiers

at the roadblock, gave any sign of registering—let alone considering—the visible, and needless, suffering of their fellow human beings nearby.

SOME OF THOSE sufferers suffer no more. As the roadblock was just outside the village of Sukhmour, it is a fair assumption that some of them were among the 13 villagers gunned down there by "soldiers" of the South Lebanese "Army" a fortnight ago.

The bullets felled them before Gen. Antoine Lahad and the Israeli officers present could "courageously shield them with their own bodies." In the words of the subsequent official reconstruction of this "exciting reconstruction of this 'exciting'—more IDF officialese), Gen. Lahad and the Israelis had lined up all the menfolk for interrogation, following a fatal ambush the night before. For the avengers, it was like target practice back at their IDF boot-camp.

Yes, alas yes, Eli Landau (*Ma'ariv* October 2) and all you other Sharon followers, you Kahan Commission detractors, you Sabra and Shatila apologists—yes, Sukhmour was a massacre. And Israel was, again, indirectly responsible. The size of the massacre, the onus of responsibility—these were different from Sabra and Shatila. But the differences were of degree, not of kind.

Yes, Eli Landau *et al.* the reaction of the "other camp," the 400,000, all those who were horrified and mortified by Sabra and Shatila and felt cleansed by the Kahan Commission, their reaction to Sukhmour—that is,

their lack of reaction—is a monumental piece of hypocrisy. It reeks of political opportunism. (Hence your adroitness at spotting it.)

As you so rightly say (for the wrong reasons), the fact that people in this camp are now in power ought not to change their subjective moral perceptions. The objective moral criteria, after all, are immutable.

SHARON'S GREAT success as \$744 ended was not his "rehabilitation" as Shimon Peres' minister of commerce. Rather, it was the way Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin and their half of the country handled Sukhmour. That, and not Sharon's cabinet appointment, represents the true magnitude of Sharon's victory and vindication.

"The dogs bark, and the caravan moves on," was Sharon's famous motto when formerly in power. What he meant was not just that the caravan reaches its destination regardless of the dogs, but that the dogs eventually give up barking and slink off.

That is the ultimate danger to our society, to any society: that its watchdogs, the keepers of its ethics and its conscience, are quelled—or, worse still, quell themselves—into silent acquiescence.

Sukhmour, of course, was a singular disaster. Neither the event, therefore, nor its aftermath were typical of our moral degeneration. At most, they were a warning of where we are heading.

The blind indifference at the

roadblock was a more typical measure of the corrosive effects of occupation on the souls of the occupiers.

And, lest we forget, we are all manning roadblocks, if not a Sukhmour then "20 minutes from Kfar Sava." The fact that so many of us block out the roadblocks from our own minds is another indicator of the growing danger of moral myopia.

THE CREATION of the national unity government can either restrain that growth or accelerate it. It all depends on the standards adopted, and projected, by the leadership. If the "national unity" is to mean acquiescence by the "other camp" in the norms of the "national camp" (*hamahane haleumi*), then those norms will have achieved their final triumph and vindication. (They were well on the way to winning during Labour's long years of decline, before Likud came to power in 1977.)

The "national camp's" moral credo was immortalized in Menachem Begin's comment after Sabra and Shatila: "Goyim kill goyim—and the Jews are blamed."

But what was the "other camp's" comment after Sukhmour? Utter, stony silence—from a prime minister's bureau which issues statements daily, and sometimes twice daily, on matters large and small.

More troubling than the absence of appropriate words was the absence of action, from Peres or Rabin. Swift, demonstrative, punitive action was called for. After all, the

whole ghastly saga was, on the face of it, a catalogue of negligence, of misdeeds and apathy on the part of responsible Israeli officers. The Post's defence correspondent Hiral Goodman's depiction last week of one senior officer's smug and mendacious reactions immediately following the massacre was itself grounds—at any rate, moral grounds—for disciplinary measures.

The Labour Party leaders of the unity government failed their first test, a test of character—the future character of our society.

The media failed, too, by and large, in its watchdog brief, and let itself open to justified charges of hypocrisy.

In the High Holy Days service, we say: *Ki ta'avir memshelet zadon min ha'aretz*—"When thou makes the government of evil to pass from the land."

Davar's Hanna Zemer appositely borrowed this phrase for a headline on the day after Rosh Hashana 5743, the Rosh Hashana of Sabra and Shatila.

Thanks to myriad right-thinking Israelis, that government was eventually made to pass from the land. The architects of the Lebanon war were forced to step down.

Now, with a new government of unity, and with the High Holy Days again upon us, we would do well to ponder the continuation of that sublime passage from the prayer book: "And thou, O Lord, shall reign, exalted in justice, sanctified in righteousness."

The purpose of removing evil is to replace it with justice and righteousness—in the government, and in the hearts of the governed.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE MAKUYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As one of 50 Israelis touring the Far East in November 1983 from India through Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand, Hongkong, Singapore, Taiwan and Japan, I read with great interest Yossi Gamzu's article of September 14 about the Makuya.

We had many memorable experiences on this trip. However, it was unanimously agreed by the entire group that the highlight was our reception by the Makuya in the heart of Tokyo.

Stepping from our coach outside the Makuya Horaisans headquarters, we ran the gamut of broadly smiling, backslapping, cheering, waving, Japanese. Two parallel lines of Israeli flags converged from our coach to the brightly lit hall. Inside, standing behind trestles groaning with Japanese and Israeli food, were

more disciples of Professor Teshima.

Between eating, watching documentary films of Makuya dances in support of Israel and hora dancing, we sat on the floor (Japanese style) and answered questions or gave advice about where to visit when in Israel. Finally, we were required to stand individually, give our names, where we lived and a brief history of our previous country, our aliya and absorption. All, of course, in various accented Hebrew which our hosts appeared to understand without the slightest difficulty.

Leaving reluctantly hours later, with the strains of *Hatikva* still ringing in our ears, we questioned the supposed image of the inscrutable Oriental. Certainly not applicable to the Makuya!

PHILLIP GOLDSMID
Kibbutz Zikim.

HELPING ETHIOPIAN JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I personally visited Jewish villages in Ethiopia, and I have closely examined the problems of resettling our Ethiopian brothers and sisters. I know that it is difficult to write about the subject with objectivity and clarity. I must commend the article in your September 7 issue by Louis Rapoport. It is enlightening and avoids the sensationalism and name-calling which too frequently appears in articles on this subject. It was especially fortuitous this article appeared simultaneously with one in *The New York Times* which gave comfort only to those who feel that Ethiopian Jewry can be saved by abusing the government of Israel.

I was especially pleased that Mr.

PENFRIENDS
DANIEL R. VICTOR (20), of 11 Thiruvaluvar Street, Adambakkam, Madras 600088, India, is an engineering student who would like to correspond with Israelis of his age.

JOEL J. SPRAYREGEN
Chicago, Ill.

SECOND CHANNEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Shinnui made several demands in order to participate in the national unity government. I can understand their concern for electoral reform and the need for improvement in the lot of Israeli Arabs. However, I find it difficult to understand Shinnui's demand for a second (commercial) TV channel, which will only add to our economic and social problems.

First of all, all advertisers would want to use this medium, which would involve large expenditures. The cost would, of course, be passed on to the consumer. In addition, it would give a definite advantage to large foreign corporations, to the detriment of our own companies.

Secondly, at a time when most economic experts agree that a reduction in our standard of living is a necessary component of any national economic recovery programme, commercial TV would in effect be preaching the opposite values: consume, buy, spend.

This proposal for a second TV channel, coming from Shinnui, a party which usually acts with a sense of responsibility and integrity, mystifies me.

YORAM GETZLER
Jerusalem.

ADHERING TO PLO COVENANT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I feel impelled to reply to Mordechai Bar-On's article of September 6, "Attacking the left," as Shmuel Katz cited my articles on the Quakers and because Americans for a Safe Israel includes them as part of their pamphlet offerings.

At one of the Quaker conferences on the Middle East, former mayor Mohammed Milhem was a featured speaker. He gave no quarter to Israel. To hear him, Israel was a police state and such leaders as Moshe Dayan were Nazis. He asserted the Palestinian claim to all of Israel. He said the land is ours, we built it.

Peace Now people were there as speakers. I talked and visited with them. They were very friendly and I had no doubt about their deep loyalty to Israel. The problem, however, was that, in their zeal to pursue peace, they accepted abuses including the presence of anti-Semitic literature and the fact that Milhem and the pro-PLO Arabs boycotted the

Peace Now talk. (Quakers say they do not condone anti-Semitism, but urge Jews to turn the other cheek in order to keep dialogue going. In contrast, they would never tolerate anti-Arab or anti-black propaganda.)

The Peace Now people were so hopeful they failed to recognize the demonic hatred Milhem and the other speakers had for Israel and Zionism. Milhem, of course, adheres to the Palestinian National Covenant.

Dr. Issam Sartawi spoke at another Quaker meeting via telephone. He was conciliatory compared to Milhem, although he left enough loopholes so as never to accept the existence of a Zionist state. As fate turned out, this "moderate" was gunned down by the PLO. Milhem has no fear of that. Mr. Bar-On calls Milhem his enemy, but fails to accede that he adheres to the Palestinian National Covenant.

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